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The name of Patron members will be listed in every issue of En Passant. The extra money will be added to the IASCA budget and spent as the membership directs.

Roger Gotschall, Rest in Peace.

Apr. 2-3 2016 Iowa Class Championship & Iowa Closed Championship 4-SS, Divided into Classes: M-X-A, B, C, & D and under. Players may play up one class. Some sections may be combined. FFA Enrichment Center 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway Ankeny, IA 50023 Reg: 8:15AM to 9:30AM TimeControl: G/75 + 5 sec delay Rounds: M-X-A, B, C, & D, 9:30 am-2:30-5:00-7:30 pm. More rounds will be added if needed. EntryFee: $25 if postmarked by March 23th, online $25 until April 1, $30 on site. Prizes: Class prizes 1st place $50 + trophy; 2nd place $30 USCF Membership Required, IASCA Membership Required. Send EF to: Eric Vigil 445 Galway Dr Iowa City, IA 52246 319-621-3116 evigil@gmail.com Free parking. Accessible to wheelchair. No smoking. on-line registration at: https://www.onlineregistration.cc
Annual meeting at 1 pm. April 2, 2016.

Apr. 22-24 10th Annual Okoboji Open, Reserve(U1600), and Blitz Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center 1405 Highway 71 S Okoboji, IA 51355 Reg: 5:00PM to 5:45PM TimeControl: 3 day schedule (Open and Reserve) - 5 Round Swiss G/120;d5 for all rounds. 2 day schedule (Open and Reserve) - 5 Round Swiss G/90;d5 for rounds 1 and 2 and G/120;d5 for rounds 3-5. 2 day and 3 day schedules merge after round 2. Blitz - 5 Round Swiss G/5;d0 Rounds: Open & Reserve 3 day schedule : Friday 6:00pm; Saturday 10:00am,4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am;2:30pm. Open & Reserve 2 day schedule : Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm-4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am;2:30pm. Blitz Schedule : Round 1 Friday right after end of Open & Reserve Round 1) - Rounds 2-5 ASAP. One half point bye allowed before start of tournament. EntryFee: Open: $50 (juniors & seniors $40) if received by April 15th (or April 20th online). $60 cash or $65 check onsite. GM's and IM's free entry. Reserve: $30 if received by April 15th (or April 20th online). $40 cash or $45 check onsite. Blitz: $10. **** CHESS ROOM RATE $79!!! **** On site registration 5:00-5:45pm on 4-22 (3 day); 8:00-8:45am on 4-23 (2 day) Prizes: Open: Top 3 (guaranteed) $500+Trophy-$350-$200. U2000: $125, U1800: $115, U1600 : $100 (based on 30 players) Reserve: Top 3 (guaranteed) $300+Trophy-$175-$125, U1400: $100, U1250: $75, U1000: $50 (based on 20 players) Blitz : (based on 20 players) 1st: $75, 2nd: $50, U1500: $25, U1250: $25, Unrated: $25 USCF Membership Required: Yes IASCA Membership Required: Yes Send EF to: Jodene Kruse 934 6th Street Sibley, 51249 jodene77@yahoo.com Make checks payable to S-O Chess Club/ Jodene Kruse Additional Info: (Other states memberships accepted for Open section only. IASCA memberships and state memberships not required for reserve section.). One half-point bye allowed if requested in advance. https://www.onlineregistration.cc $79 Hotel rate if reserved by March 22nd. Call the Arrowwood resort at 1-800-727-4561. If players came 5 years or more will receive a token of appreciation.

Apr. 30. 2016 Iowa Open Fundraiser. 3-RR, G-90, i/30 or G/45, i30. Divided into 4 person Quads based on rating. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor) 202 10th Street SE,Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Reg: 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Rounds: 10am-2:30-7:30pm for G/90; 10am-1pm-ASAP for G/45. EF: $25 if postmarked by April 26th, $30 on site. $20 to U1200 if postmarked by April 26th, $25 on site. Prizes: 1st place Free entry into Iowa Open any section. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr. Iowa City, IA 52245. mcapron243@mchsi.com Additional Info: Online registration at: https://www.onlineregistration.cc. No byes due to only being 3 rounds.

May. 7. Wellsburg Open (IASCA Mini Qualifier). 4-SS. G/75+5 sec delay. Wellsburg Reformed Church, 617 E 4th St Wellsburg, IA 50680. Reg: 8:00AM to 8:30AM. Rds: 9:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:45 or ASAP. EF: $50 on or before May 3rd, $55 after May 3rd or onsite. Prizes: Open Prizes ($1000 Guaranteed): 1st: $400, 2nd: $250, 3rd: $150, U2000 and U1800: $100 each. USCF Membership Required and IASCA Membership Required. Send EF to: Bethany Carson, 15898 D Avenue Ackley, IA 50601. bethany.carson@outlook.com Additional Info: Free WiFi. Free parking. Quiet location. Complimentary lunch buffet after the first round. Please bring your set, board, and clock.

May. 7. Wellsburg Reserve U1600. 4-SS. G/75 + 5 sec delay. Wellsburg Reformed Church, 617 E 4th St Wellsburg, IA 50680. Reg: 8:00AM to 8:30AM Rds: 9:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:45 or ASAP. EF: $25 on or before May 3rd, $30 after May 3rd or onsite. Prizes: 1st: $150, 2nd: $100, Top U1400: $50. USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: Bethany Carson, 15898 D Avenue Ackley, IA 50601. bethany.carson@outlook.com Additional Info: Free WiFi. Free parking. Quiet location. Complimen-

tary lunch buffet after the first round. Please bring your set, board, and clock.

May. 13-15 2016 Ice Harbor Scholastic Open. A weekend Scholastic Open Tournament with Friday night Blitz, Saturday night Bughouse, and weekend friends & parents rated and unrated sections. Main Event: Six Sections (1) Master/Expert, (2) Grades K-3 Open, (3) K-6 Open, (4) K-6 U800, (5) K-12 Open, and (6) K-12 U1200. 80 Individual main event trophies, 15 Team x 3 players (45 total main event team trophies), 30 Blitz, & 40 Bughouse trophies. Grand River Center & Grand Harbor Resort and Water Park, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA 52404. Reg: 8:00AM to 9:30AM TimeControl: G/90 +30 (MX), G/75 (Open) and G/45 (Reserve). Rds: K-3 Open, K-6 U800 & K-12 U1200: 7-SS, G/45 d5, Sat 10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 pm, Sun 9:00, 11:00, 1:30; 3 byes available w/registration. K-6 & K-12 Open, 5SS, G/75 d5, Sat 10, 1:30, 4:30, Sun 9, 12:30; 2 byes available w/registration. EntryFee: $45 if postmarked/paid online by 4/15, $50 by 5/1, $55 after 5/1. $60 on site. Prizes: TROPHIES (Main Event): Top 10 Individuals Overall all sections plus class trophies by section: K-3 Open Top 2 U600, U300, & UNR; K-6 Open Top 3 U1200 & U1000; K-6 U800 Top 2 U600, U300 & UNR; K12 Open Top 3 U1600 & U1400; K-12 U1200 Top 2 U900, U600, and UNR. Top 3 teams in each section (plaques for each player). USCF Membership Required. Send EF to: James Hodina 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-432-1459 james.hodina@chessiniowa.org Additional Info: HOTEL: The Grand Harbor Resort, $119 Chess Rate includes passes to water park. Rate guaranteed through April 11. Reservations phone (866)690-4006 and ask for the Ice Harbor Group Rate. On-site registration: Two registration periods On Site: 5/16: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm; 5/17: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Online: https://onlineregistration.cc/CII/2016ICE. more info at http://www.iceharborchess.com or email James Hodina at james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. SIDE EVENTS: $5 per player/event. Blitz Chess: Fri 7:00 pm, 2 Sections: K-6 & K-12. 4 Rds, G/5 d0, Trophies K-12 & K-6: 1st-10th. Sat Bughouse: Reserve at 4:30 pm, Open at 7:30 pm. 7 Rds, 1 Game/Rd, G/5 d0, Trophies: Reserve and Open 1st-10th each player (2 per team). Friends & Parents: Entry $5. 4 Rds, G/60 d5. 2 Sections, Rated and Unrated. RDS: Sat: 1:30 pm & 4:30 pm, Sun: 9 am & 1 pm. Register online at https://onlineregistration.cc/CII/2016ICE. Check payable to Chess in Iowa c/o James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.

May. 21. Chess for Charity I (IASCA Mini-Qualifier). 4-SS. G/55+5 sec delay. Willow Creek Baptist Church, 720 Army Post Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50265. Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM. Rds: 10:00AM-12:15PM-2:30PM-4:45PM. EF: $25. Prizes: Open 1st $100, Open 2nd $80, U1600 1st $60, U1600 2nd $40. USCF Membership Required and IASCA Membership Required. Send EF to: Pay cash or check at site to Milind Jetty. No mail please. Additional Info: No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring your set, clock, and board. Free parking. Analysis and skittles need to be played outside the tournament site, not in the tournament site. Spectators welcome. Please be quiet during the tournament. The tournament site is in the big gym. When you enter the church, keep walking until you see a big gym. Questions to jettyssa@gmail.com

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Jun 11-12. Ames Open (USCF & FIDE Rated) IASCA GP Qualifier. 5-SS, G/90, i30. IASCA GP Qualifier. Hotel 1400 (formerly Hampton Inn), 1400 South Dayton Place , Ames, IA 50010. **Reg:** 9am and ends at 9:45am. Players registering between 9:45 and 12 will be given 1/2 point bye in round 1, no exceptions. No registration after noon. **Rds:** Sat 10, 2:30, & 7:30; Sun 10 & 3. **EF:** $45 if received on or before 6/9; $55 at site. IM & GM free- $45 deducted from any prize. **Prize Info:** Prizes: ($550 Guaranteed) 200+T-150; U1900 and U1700 $100 each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, ($10 or Out of State Accepted (OSA). On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** John Herr, 1108 South 4th St. Unit 11, Ames, IA 50010 or register online at **https://onlineregistration.cc Additional Info:** USCF and FIDE Rated!! Byes: Bye available Rounds 1-4 if requested 30 min prior to start of round. Rounds 5 only if requested prior to tournament starting. USCF – June 2016 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used. Head Floor TD will be Bill Broich. Chess Magnet School JGP. Call 645-745-0200 or johnherr13@hotmail.com, Hotel Chess rate available, Standard Kind $109 only.

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The Iowa State Chess Association is a non-profit organization devoted exclusively to the promotion of chess in Iowa.

Join or renew by sending dues to the IASCA Secretary:

Ron Nurmi
1424 E. Walnut St. Apt. 4
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Membership Dues:

Regular	$10 for 1 year
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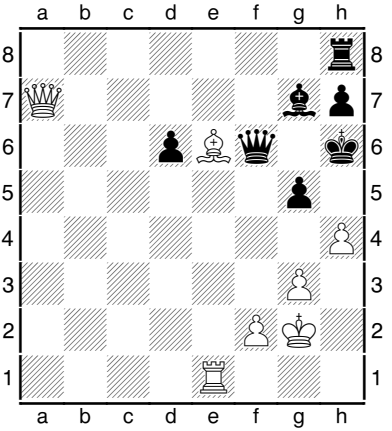

White to move and mate in six!

Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Ron Nurmi, Eric Vigil, Christine Denison, NM Randy Bauer, NM Mitch Weiss, Joan Dubois, Jim Hodina, Dan Vasto, Soma Chaudhuri, Jess Fiedorowicz, Jason Jackson, Christian Schmitz, John Herr, Bethany Carson, and Bill Broich. Pictures from Soma Chaudhuri, Mark Capron, and Jim Hodina, Christian Schmitz, Jess Fiedorowicz, and Bill Broich.

It is with great sadness that I report Iowa has lost one of its most prominent Chess figures, Roger Gotschall. See the tributes starting on page 8

Congrats to the Iowa Closed Qualifiers, Dan Brashaw, Robert Keating, Gokul Thangavel, James Neal, Joseph Wan, and Arshaq Saleem.

Puzzle time was submitted by Jason Jackson.

There will be a fundraiser event on April 30 for the Iowa Open held at the PCI in Cedar Rapids. The tournament will be set up as Quads where the winner of each Quad will be given entry into the Iowa Open.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

New and Returning Members:

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Jul. 23-24 Des Moines Summer Open (IASCA GP Qualifier) One open section only. Open to all. 5SS. One 1/2 bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive a one 1/2 bye. The site is in the room, Salon A. Salon A is very easy to find. Go straight to Salon A beyond the front desk. Ramada Des Moines Airport Hotel 1810 Army Post Rd Des Moines, IA 50315 Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM TimeControl: G/2 hours + 5 sec delay Rounds: Saturday 10-3 -8; Sunday 11-4 EntryFee: $50; College student $10; High school student $10; Middle school student $10; Elementary school student $10. Prizes: (b/25) 1st Place = $240; 2nd Place = $200; 3rd Place = $160; U1600 1st = $120; U1600 2nd = $80. USCF Membership Required: Yes IASCA Membership Required: Yes Send EF to: Mathew Jacob 3411 Linworth Lane Des Moines, IA 50315 mmjacob20@yahoo.com Additional Info: No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring your set, clock, and board. Free parking. Interpreter provided. Analysis and skittles need to be played outside the tournament site, not in the tournament site. Spectators welcome. Please be quiet during the tournament. Cellphone policy: Please turn off or silence your cell phone before you start your game. First offense: Subtract 10 minutes or half the remaining time from a player's clock. 2nd offense (and subsequent) offense for the same player during the same event: loss of the game currently in progress. Ramada Des Moines Airport Hotel, 1810 Army Post Rd., Des Moines, IA 50315. Phone: 515-287-6464/Fax: 515-287-5818

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A Heritage Event!
Aug 27-28. 61st Iowa Open Championship (USCF & FIDE Rated) IASCA GP Super Qualifier. 5-SS, G/90, i30. Accelerated pairings may be used in Rounds 1-2. IASCA Super GP Qualifier. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30am and ends at 9:30am **Rds:** Sat 10, 2:30, & 7:30; Sun 9:30 & 2:30 **EF:** $57 if postmarked before 8/23; $69 at site. IM & GM free-EF deducted from any prize, Jrs. & Sr. $10 off, $10 off Out of state residents. **Prize Info:** Prizes: ($1900 b/65 Top 3 Gtd) 550+T-300-150 U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 150/75 each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, ($10 or Out of State Accepted (OSA). On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **https://onlineregistration.cc Additional Info:** USCF and FIDE Rated!! Byes: Bye available Rounds 1-3 if requested prior to start of round. Rounds 4-5 only if requested prior to tournament starting. USCF – August 2016 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used. Chess Magnet School JGP. Call 319-321-5435 or mcapron243@mchsi.com **Directions:** Take I-80 to exit 242, go south to 9th street, take a left and follow to the end of 9th street and you are there! The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $112 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/5/16, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

A State Championship Event!
Aug. 27. 2016 Iowa Reserve Championship
Open to U1600. 4-SS, G/75 d5. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am **Rds:** Sat: 10, (Lunch) 1:30, 4:30, & 7:15. **EF:** $30 if postmarked by 8/22; $40 at Site; Jrs, Srs, and Out of State $5 Off. **Prize Info:** $340 in PRIZES 1st = $140+Trophy 2nd = $90 3rd = $60 **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $10, On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **https://onlineregistration.cc Additional Info:** Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241 Chess rate available, $112 **(INCLUDES PARKING)** only until 8/5/16, rates

may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688-4000. Chess Magnet School JGP.

Aug. 27, Rated Beginner Open (RBO) Open to U1200 or Unrated. 5-SS, G/30 d5. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30 am to 10 am **Rds:** Saturday 10:30, 12, 1:30 and ASAP **EF:** $21 if postmarked before 8/22 $30 on site. $5 off for out of state. **Prize Info:** Trophies top 5 overall, U 1000, U800, U600, U400 and Unrated 1st and 2nd. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **https://onlineregistration.cc** Additional Info: The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $112 (**INCLUDES PARKING**) only until 8/5/15, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

Sept. 17. Chess for Charity II (IASCA Mini-Qualifier). 4-SS. G/55+5 sec delay. Willow Creek Baptist Church, 720 Army Post Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50265. Reg: 9:00AM to 9:45AM. Rds: 10:00AM-12:15PM-2:30PM-4:45PM. EF: $25. Prizes: Open 1st $100, Open 2nd $80, U1600 1st $60, U1600 2nd $40. USCF Membership Required and IASCA Membership Required. Send EF to: Pay cash or check at site to Milind Jetty. No mail please. Additional Info: No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring your set, clock, and board. Free parking. Analysis and skittles need to be played outside the tournament site, not in the tournament site. Spectators welcome. Please be quiet during the tournament. The tournament site is in the big gym. When you enter the church, keep walking until you see a big gym. Questions to jettyssa@gmail.com

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Final Qualifier Points:

Note only includes players who scored points.

Player	TOTAL	# of Events
Daniel Brashaw		2
Robert Keating	58.167	7
James Neal II	54.667	9
Joseph Wan	47.31	8
Gokul Thangavel	47	8
Arshaq Saleem	32.1	4
Robert Reynolds	19	3
Ilya Blokhin	16	9
Daniel Vasto	12.243	6
James Hodina	11.643	3
Valeriy Kosokin	10.5	1
Thomas Gaul	10.476	5
Austin Scharosch	9.6	7
Kevin Townsend	9.5	5
Seth Koenig	9.243	4
Michael Takahashi	8.893	9
Benjamin Darr	7.2	4
Tim McEntee	7	1
Milind Jetty	6.6	5
Bethany Carson	6	4
Tony Thompson	6	3
Shawn Kmetz	6	2
Thomas Hesse	5.683	5
John Herr	4.75	5
Richard Rector	4.75	4
Jose Gatica	4.5	1
Daniel Medrano	2.143	1
Nathan Chen	0.75	8
William Polzin	0.75	3
Abhyudaya Shukla	0.75	3
Matthew Pham	0.75	1
Anish Lodh	0.6	2
Kaustubh Patwardhan	0.6	1
Tim Crouse	0.333	2

From Grandon Funeral and Cremation Care Obituary

Roger Wayne Gotschall, also known as "Coach", age 77, of Ames died at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines on February 28, 2016. Roger was born September 8, 1938 in Blencoe, the son of Wayne and Paula Gotschall. He graduated from Blencoe High School. Coach attended Iowa State University graduating with a Civil Engineering degree. He taught Land Surveying at Iowa State University before joining the US Army in May of 1961, discharged in 1964. His first assignment with the Iowa Department of Transportation was in the Council Bluffs area. He then moved to Mason City to complete Interstate 35 from Dows to the Minnesota border. He finished his career in Ames as the head estimator in the Bridge Department. One of Roger's passions was chess; he played and taught it at the Ames Middle School and High School and also in the Ames Park and Recreation summertime program. He was a Senior US Chess Federation Chess Tournament Director. You would also see him at the scorer table at the Iowa State men's and women's basketball games for over thirty years. He was a member of Ames Moose Lodge # 520, Ames Elks Lodge # 1626, Ames American Legion Post #37, Masonic Lodge A.F & A.M, and the Shriners. Coach will be missed by a host of friends in Ames, Clear Lake, and Mason City along with his best friend, a Boston Terrier named Cypher "Cy".

Roger Gotschall, longtime patriarch of the Cyclone Chess Club, passed away Sunday, February 28 around 10:00 P.M. at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. He was 77 years old.

After a seemingly successful bout with a rare form of pancreatic cancer, a subsequent check-up on this cancer revealed a new problem: a build-up of fluid around his heart. Tests showed he had a growth on a heart valve. His death came three days after the initial discovery.

Roger was an eager teacher and promoter of chess at all levels. Friends remember him for his kindness and ability to inspire a love of the game and a desire to become better. Roger was also a gardener and took great pride in growing inedibly spicy peppers. He is survived by his girlfriend Barb, as well as numerous friends both inside and outside the chess community.

A memorial reception was held at Grandon Funeral Home in Ames on Saturday, March 5 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. There was no viewing of the body. Roger was buried in Blencoe next to his parents.

Eric Vigil

Roger was dear friend and mentor. I met Roger when attending college at ISU. He got me involved with my first scholastic chess club at Ames High School. I played in so many of his tournaments, I doubt I could count them all. When I would run into him at a US Open, it was obvious that Roger was known by all - a sign of the positive influence he had on chess. His scholastic clubs were always formidable - a testament to his dedication to teaching chess. I will miss Roger and will continually strive to be as giving as him.

Jim Hodina

I've known Roger for many years through my working with the US Chess Federation. We chatted often at many US Opens and Roger also visited our office in Crossville, TN. He was a dear chess friend and always a gentleman.

Joan DuBois

How fast are we going? I asked Roger as we were coming home from a tournament in Council Bluffs. *About 80, he replied.* It was raining, and as Roger explained, *The DOT won't let the patrol on the Interstate in this kind of downpour.* Well that was good enough for me, since he ought to know. I think it was a Region 7 championship, one of Dennis Wasson's tournaments. We were going to stay for pizza but with the last round running late we were ready to leave. The two of us had been around the Midwest back in the eighties. Usually he was involved in the directing. I guess he was not known for his play but in an Iowa Correspondence game he beat me. A K.I.A. in which he repeatedly surprised me with sharp tactics. I'll just win in the endgame I figured, but he outplayed me there too. I have a suspicion that he may have spent a lot of time in that game! *How fast are we going now?* We were well into our 4 hour trip. *Oh about 85.* Saturday night we had plenty of pizza and beer and little sleep, but after all, what were tournaments for? Roger used to live in Mason City, although I did not know him then. He would come to my house to work the En Passant when I was editing it in the eighties. He would bring his typewriter and we would type away for hours! He enjoyed me filling him in on stories and players from the past, and he would fill me in on politics and shenanigans that went on in the big meetings. *Are we home yet? I think we're going to do it in three!* he said with a wink. *Now that's talent!* Yes Roger it was, although I am sad, I am smiling.

Mitch Weiss

Chess Travels with Roger Gotschall
(Or How I Learned to Love Country Music)

By NM Randy Bauer

Back around 1990, Roger Gotschall was a fixture in Iowa chess tournament organizing, and Joel Mandaville, David Schmidt and I were active tournament players. It was common for the four of us to meet up at the Ames Chess Club on Thursday nights, and many of those gatherings turned into semi-all night/into the next morning marathons of non-stop speed chess, beer and banter. It was probably at one of those late-night sessions that we came up with the idea of road-tripping to Manhattan, Kansas for a Grand Prix tournament being hosted by former Iowa organizer/director Dennis Wasson.

Dennis had been at least a sometime member of our gang of chess playing maniacs, and I recall many an evening/early morning spent at his apartment in Des Moines also engaging in the same sort of beer/chess fest, which from time to time also included Dan Harger and other local chess players. After Dennis moved to points further west, we promised to come visit him sometime, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity.

So, in early March 1990, Dave, Joel and I piled into Roger's boat of a car (it was either a Cadillac or Lincoln, and it was about the same size as my first college dorm room), and headed south and west for Manhattan. We were all a happy-go-lucky bunch looking forward to reuniting with an old chess friend and maybe playing a little of the 64 square/32 piece stuff along the way.

The first thing I realized on the trip was that Roger's musical tastes were quite a bit different than at least Joel and mine. On the cassette tape that played like an endless loop throughout the trip were country artists from 'back in the day' – Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, etc. One favorite of Roger's that became indelibly etched into our collective brains was "Skip A Rope." This 1967 song, the first and biggest hit by Henson Cargill, has a chorus that goes:

Skip a rope, skip a rope
Oh, listen to the children
While they play
Now ain't it kinda funny
What the children say
Skip a rope

By the third or fourth time that song had played (it must have played 50 times on the drive up and back), we had changed the lyrics to other lines that end with words that rhyme with 'rope' – only a few of which are printable here. Anyway, we tried all sorts of combinations ending with the words cope, dope, Pope, mope, lope, hope, etc., etc. Through it all, Roger just kept driving and chiming in on every chorus.

It's been awhile, so I can't remember if we were 'imbibing' on the ride to Manhattan (which is about 5 hours), but if we were, Roger was driving (he insisted – typical of Roger's tournament director mentality) and not drinking, so we got there fine. Once we arrived, Dennis Wasson, always the gracious host, had boards, sets and clocks already set up in a back room that has also served in the past as a local tournament site. There was also a fridge nearby stocked with two cases of Budweiser – which, for a thirsty bunch of five chess players, could be best summarized as 'a good start.'

For those who do not know the 'social' side of Roger, he is an excellent partner in all aspects of chess playing and social drinking. While he may not have won as many of the speed chess games that night or weekend, he most assuredly held his own in the emptying Budweiser bottles

department. He may have been a Class C chess player, but he was a master beer drinker and kibitzer.

So, after several hours of chess (and most of the Budweiser), we all ventured out to take in the Friday night fun in Ogden, Kansas (which can only be charitably characterized as a 'suburb' of Manhattan, Kansas). There aren't a lot of places to go, but we found two where Roger fit right in – an old brick house that was something as a biker bar and the local American Legion Hall.

One of the great things about Roger is he can quickly adapt to nearly any setting or crowd and will in no time be somebody's newest best friend. At the biker bar, his love of Budweiser, country music and his somewhat bushy beard and semi-mountain man look fit in just fine. At the Legion Hall, his years of frequenting the same in Ames (along with VFW, Elks and similar locations) had him quickly identifying similar names, faces and places with the regulars – his own version of the six degrees of separation. Needless to say, by the end of the evening, Roger was pretty much everybody's new best friend.

We finally ended the evening/morning and somehow made it back to Dennis' place to settle in for the tournament on Saturday/Sunday. The tournament went about as expected – it was notable that I and Joel were the top two rated players and Dave Schmidt was ranked fourth. It was a bit odd to encounter a tournament where the vast majority of the players were lower class players – back in those days, it was not uncommon to come to an Iowa tournament where masters, experts and A players made up half the field (at least in the top section). After a few adventures, I ended up winning the tournament with 4.5 of 5 (although had to struggle mightily against a 1990-rated opponent to draw in the last round), Joel tied for second, and Dave Schmidt had the distinction of nicking my last round opponent for a draw earlier in the tournament. Roger, as was often the case, finished in the middle of the pack, but that never dampened his enthusiasm for the game, the post mortem or the post-tournament evening activities.

Since my last round game was of the lengthy variety, it meant a bit later start for the drive back home. After wishing Dennis a fond farewell, Roger 'gunned it' and headed back for points north and east. It was clear on the drive home that Roger was a 'man on a mission.' We were behind schedule, and Roger was going to do everything in his power to get us back on track. My guess is this related to his work as an Engineer for the Iowa Department of Transportation – when you're managing a project with a deadline, if you're behind, you go faster and don't stop until you're back on schedule.

That is what the return trip to Ames turned into. Roger plotted his course and announced that the next stop would be north of Kansas City. That turned into a bit of a problem, though, as the other three riders were having a few 'celebratory beverages' on the ride home, and road construction around Kansas City slowed our pace. By somewhere south of Kansas City, we were all (but Roger) needing a pit stop, but Roger soldiered on – to the point that Dave Schmidt was clearly dealing with 'pain and suffering' by the time we finally stopped, and he dashed for the restroom.

Of course, all's well that ends well –Roger managed to get us safely (and on time) back to Ames – and I must admit that I even started to gain a new appreciation for country music (well, not necessarily Skip a Rope, but some of it). It was a fitting end to an enjoyable weekend and one I'll never forget.

A few last parting words about Roger. Besides his numerous contributions to chess organizing, playing and teaching in Iowa, he was a really, really good man. While he had his opinions on topics and people, he was always civil, courteous and believing in the best in others. I think it helped make him an excellent tournament director and teacher, particularly for kids.

Roger was also an outstanding friend. He was a great listener and cared deeply about his friends (and really, to Roger, everybody was his friend). I know countless instances of Roger doing whatever he could (which could include providing his time, energy or financial commitment) to help his friends.

Roger loved chess and chess players and never took himself too seriously. He enjoyed analyzing his games and those of others and was always quick to accept critiques of his play and that of others. That said, he once won a class prize at the US Open that was far larger than any cash prize I ever won playing chess, so he got it right from time to time as well.

Finally, for many years, Roger WAS Iowa chess. As with John Osness before him, he was the go-to person that everybody could rely upon when there was work to be done – whether it was organizing and running a club, a tournament, a school chess program, the state chess association or the various USCF committees and Delegates meetings in which he was actively involved. I owe him a great debt of gratitude and thanks – but I also know Roger never wanted or asked for it. He loved the game and all of those associated with it, and having it grow and continue on will be all the thanks that Roger ever wanted.

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Roger has been one of the greatest supporters of Iowa chess. He was always ready to welcome me to a chess tournament with a hardy handshake. It's a great loss to chess and I will miss him very much.

Dan Vasto

Roger was so encouraging to both my daughter and myself when we started to play chess. I'll always remember when he stayed after Cyclone Chess Club one night to show me the basic endgames - my first real instruction in chess. Thank you for everything, Roger, and may you rest in peace.

Christine Denison

Roger Gotschall has, over the years, initiated and encouraged the interest in chess of hundreds of elementary school students in Ames, including my son, Kushan. He was very proud of his chess kids and complimented them on every little success. I remember his excitement when he coached the Ames Middle School team to a Third Place finish in the K-8 Championship at the 2010 Junior High Nationals in Minneapolis. See picture on next page.

A lesser known fact about Roger is that not only did he commit his time to promoting chess in Ames schools, he also committed his funds towards this goal. The checks paid by students for chess club annual dues often went uncashed!

At Kushan's graduation last Spring, Roger presented Kushan with an Ames High chess letter. Since the school does not officially recognize chess, he took it upon himself to honor Kushan for being a 4-year Iowa Denker champion by special-ordering the letter. See picture on next page.

We will miss Roger. He was Ames Chess, just as his email id said.

Soma Chaudhuri

Winning the Third Place trophy in the 2010 K-8 Championship in Minneapolis.

Kushan Tyagi receiving his Chess Letter from NM Tim McEntee (L) and Roger Gotschall.

I woke up very excited Labor day weekend back in 1984. I was a high-school junior and headed to my first real tournament in Iowa City, The Iowa Open Junior Championship. While visions of success flooded my thoughts I didn't realize I would be meeting one of the most influential people in Iowa Chess, Roger Gotschall. Roger was the tournament director for the event. The Junior Championship ran smoothly and I made a life-long friend with Roger. Our paths crossed quite a few more times over the next year or two as I attended more and more tournaments.

Roger asked if I would consider being a TD. Sure I said, what do I have to do? Roger explained the process to me and so I bought the rulebook and studied it cover to cover. I started assisting Roger at events and learned more than I can remember. Soon I was headed off to college at UNI and met the "Iowa Chess Man," John Osness who was able to continue my TD education. What better two people to learn from? Roger was always looking for the next person to help run an event in Iowa and he had chosen to mentor John Nash and myself with hopes we would continue in his footsteps of traveling over the state and directing events. Both John and I became very active in running events. Roger was even able to play in an event or two during this time. John soon took over as the editor of the En Passant and did that for a while before I, myself became the editor.

Roger was always able to attend the US Open, something I always wanted to do, but never found a way until a few years ago when it was held in Wisconsin. Once Roger arrived in Wisconsin all sorts of people whose names I had only heard of before came out of the woodwork to see him. Roger, always the gentleman, made sure to introduce each and every one of them to me. Roger loved people and telling chess stories. He talked and laughed till the wee hours of the night.

Roger had some playing success at the US Open, one year winning a $1400 prize. That may qualify as the largest prize an Iowan has won at the US Open, maybe in any tournament.

Roger also won some games in the Iowa Correspondence Championships over the years. *En Passant's* Spotlight On featured Roger a few years ago. Roger presented us with a game where he was able to defeat Master Mitch Weiss. Roger was quite proud of that game!

I will miss these stories and most of all I will miss seeing Roger at most every chess event in Iowa. His mentorship was invaluable to me as a tournament director. Rest in Peace Roger.

—Mark Capron

Book Review: Chess Puzzle Learning Levels Volume I

By Bethany Carson

I love playing chess, but studying chess has always been a chore. Most chess books are terribly boring, especially the ones heavy on puzzles. I enjoy Silman's chess books because he adds enough humor to make his lessons palatable. But I had never met a chess puzzle book I loved (or even liked) until I read Wyckoff's *Chess Puzzle Learning Levels.*

This 175-page book is divided into four levels, Level 1 is for players rated 400-999, Level 2 is 1000-1399, Level 3 is 1400-1800, Level 4 is 1800+. Wyckoff gives puzzles for each of these levels, and ends the book with fun puzzles from an assortment of levels. The format is pleasantly simple; there is one puzzle per page, with a title and a hint. Turn the page, and you'll see a diagram with the answer and explanation.

Considering my dread of puzzles, my game plan was simple: go through 10 pages a day to finish in 17.5 days. That didn't quite work out--I was through 50 pages in one sitting! Since I'm rated 1699, Level 1 and much of Level 2 was very easy. But the second half of the book slowed me down with some problems too difficult for me.

Featured in the puzzles were games from Fischer, Bill Gates vs Magnus Carlsen, an X-Men movie, various world champions, and compositions by the author. Hints and titles contained references to history and literature--your knowledge of the fate of Anne Boleyn could be a great help in solving one puzzle! Wyckoff gives just enough hints to make almost every problem solvable--thanks to his hints, I even was able to solve a mate in 10.

Also included are obscure chess terms and crazy trivia. Do you know what *Allumwandlung* means? How about *Novotny*? Have you ever played fairy chess or heard of a knight becoming a nightrider? Can you solve a mate in 5 from pieces formed into a letter of the alphabet? How about solving a puzzle to stalemate yourself in 4?

One warning: the author does have predilection for under-promoting knights to force mate, so by the end of the book beware--you may be tempted to promote every pawn you see into a gallant knight. But if you search for beauty in chess, this may be the book for you. The puzzles and mates presented delight the aesthetic mind.

Puzzle Time Answer: **1.h×g5+ ♔×g5** [1...♕×g5 2.♖h1+ ♔g6 *(2...♕h5 3.♖×h5+ ♔×h5 4.♕×g7 d5 5.♗g4#)* 3.♕f7#] **2.♕e3+ ♔h5** [2...♔g6 3.♕e4+ ♔h6 4.♖h1+ ♔g5 5.♕h4+ ♔g6 6.♕h5#; 2...♕f4 3.♕×f4+ ♔g6 4.♗f7#] **3.♖h1+ ♔g6** [3...♕h4 4.♗f7+ ♔g4 5.♕f4#] **4.♕e4+ ♕f5** [4...♔g5 5.♕g4#] **5.♕×f5#**

Winter Open

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#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Wan, Joseph Cheng	2159*	2185*	W21	W19	W2	W5	4.0
2	Neal, James Alex,	2171*	2168*	W13	W3	L1	W8	3.0
3	Hodina, James	1958*	1959*	W20	L2	W10	W13	3.0
4	Keating, Robert F	2182*	2185*	W12	H0	U0	W14	2.5
5	Saleem, Arshaq	2147*	2132*	W16	D8	W14	L1	2.5
6	Vasto, Daniel	2034*	2007*	W17	D10	L8	W16	2.5
7	Hesse, Thomas	1806*	1800*	H0	D15	W12	D9	2.5
8	Darr, Benjamin J	1678*	1739*	W23	D5	W6	L2	2.5
9	Patwardhan, Kaust	1300/00	1727/04	W11	L14	W21	D7	2.5
10	Jetty, Milind	1731*	1729*	W18	D6	L3	D15	2.0
11	Fiedorowicz, Owen	1537*	1521*	L9	W22	D16	H0	2.0
12	Chen, Nathan	1538*	1539*	L4	W17	L7	W20	2.0
13	Uptain, Jacob	1411*	1450*	L2	W20	W15	L3	2.0
14	Blokhin, Ilya	1814*	1818*	H0	W9	L5	L4	1.5
15	Harder, Tim	1585*	1577*	H0	D7	L13	D10	1.5
16	Nguyen, Thomas H	1281*	1298*	L5	W23	D11	L6	1.5
17	Fiedorowicz, Jess	1272*	1278*	L6	L12	W18	H0	1.5
18	Anderson, Bill	1300/00	1130/03	L10	D21	L17	B0	1.5
19	Koenig, Seth A	2006*	2000*	W22	L1	U0	U0	1.0
20	Pregon, Joseph Je	975/15	1022/19	L3	L13	W22	L12	1.0
21	Jacobs, Steve	1400*	1400*	L1	D18	L9	U0	0.5
22	Denison, Christin	1247*	1200*	L19	L11	L20	H0	0.5
23	Jackson, Ben	1300/00	906/02	L8	L16	U0	U0	0.0

Joseph Wan Secures More Qualifying Points

By Mark Capron

The 2016 Winter Open was held at the Physician Clinic of Iowa in Cedar Rapids. Joseph Wan won the tournament going 4/4. James Neal fell to Wan in the third round leaving him in second place tied with Jim Hodina. Jim had a nice tournament only losing to Neal in the second round. Bob Keating was only able to play two games due to a funeral, but made the most out of it by winning both. The U2000 prize went to Thomas Hesse. The U1800 Prize went to Ben Darr. The U1600 prize was shared between Owen Fiedorowicz, Nathan Chen, and Jacob Uptain. Jess Fiedorowicz and Thomas Nguyen tied for the U1400 prize. Congrats to Joesph Pregon who crossed the 1000 barrier and secured the U1200 prize. Kaustubh Patwardhan was playing in his first tournament and ended up with a respectable 1724 rating and the UNR prize. Ben Darr was the big winner on the rating point front. His performance rating of 2013 gained him 61 coveted points. Two others that played in their first tournament were Bill Anderson and Ben Jackson. We hope to see them play in future tournaments. The tournament was directed by Mark Capron and Bill Broich. Thanks again to Bob Keating for the use of the PCI site.

Games:

Chen,Nathan (1538) − Keating,Robert F (2182) [B07] (1)
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗c4 d6 4.h3 ♘f6 5.♘c3 0-0 6.♘ge2 ♘bd7 7.♗e3 c6 8.f3 b5 9.♗b3 ♗b7 10.♕d2 ♖e8 11.0-0 a6 12.♘d1 ♕c7 13.♘f2 c5 14.c3 ♘b6 15.♘g4 ♘×g4 16.f×g4 e6 17.♘g3 ♖ad8 18.♗g5 ♖c8 19.♗f6 ♗×f6 20.♖×f6 ♘d7 21.♖f2 ♖f8 22.♖af1 c4 23.♗c2 e5 24.♕h6 f6 25.h4 ♕d8 26.h5 ♕e8 27.b3 ♕f7 28.b×c4 b×c4 29.♕e3 ♕e7 30.d5 ♔g7 31.♗d1 ♖c5 32.♖f3 ♗c8 33.♗a4 ♘b6 34.g5 f5 35.♗c2 f4 36.♕f2 ♗g4 37.h6+ ♔g8 38.♘e2 ♗×f3 39.♕×f3 ♕×g5 40.♖b1 ♘a8 41.♖b7 ♘c7 42.♕h3 f3 43.♘g3 ♕c1+ 44.♘f1 ♕×c2 45.g×f3 ♕c1 46.♕d7 ♕×h6 47.♖×c7 ♖×c7 48.♕×c7 ♖×f3 49.♕c8+ ♕f8 50.♕×f8+ ♔×f8 51.♔g2 ♖×c3 0-1

Fiedorowicz,Jess (1272) − Vasto,Daniel (2034) [B22] (1)
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗c4 e6 6.d4 c×d4 7.c×d4 ♗b4+ 8.♗d2 ♕a5 9.a3 ♘b6 10.♗e2 0-0 11.♘c3 ♗×c3 12.♗×c3 ♕d5 13.0-0 d6 14.e×d6 ♕×d6 15.♘e5 ♘d5 16.♘×c6 b×c6 17.♗d2 c5 18.d×c5 ♕×c5 19.♗f3 ♗a6 20.♖e1 ♖ad8 21.♖c1 ♕b6 22.♕a4 ♕×b2 23.♕×a6 ♕×d2 24.♖ed1 ♕f4 25.♕a5 ♖d7 26.♗×d5 e×d5 27.g3 ♕f5 28.♖c5 ♖e8 29.♖c×d5 ♖×d5 30.♖×d5 ♕b1+ 31.♔g2 ♕b7 32.♕b5 ♕a8 33.f3 a6 34.♕c4 g6 35.a4 ♕b8 36.♖d6 ♕b2+ 37.♔h3 ♖e2 38.♕c8+ ♔g7 39.♖×a6 ♖×h2+ 40.♔g4 h5+ 41.♔g5 ♕e5+ 0-1

Fiedorowicz,Owen (1537) − Patwardhan, Kaustubh [B00] (1)
1.e4 b6 2.d4 ♗b7 3.♘c3 e6 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♗d3 h6 6.0-0 ♗e7 7.♗f4 d6 8.♖e1 0-0 9.♕d2 ♖e8 10.e5 ♘fd7 11.♘b5 d5 12.♕c3 c5 13.♘d6 ♗×d6 14.e×d6 c4 15.♗f1 ♘f6 16.♗e5 ♘e4 17.♕e3 ♘×d6 18.♕f4 ♘f5 19.b3 ♘c6 20.b×c4 f6 21.c×d5 f×e5 22.♘×e5 ♕×d5 23.c4 ♕×d4 24.♕×d4 ♘f×d4 25.♖ad1 ♖ed8 26.♖d3 ♘b4 27.♖g3 ♘f5 28.♖g4 ♖d2 29.c5 ♘c2 30.♖c1 b×c5 31.♗c4 ♘cd4 32.♖f4 ♘e2+ 33.♗×e2 ♖×e2 34.♘f3 ♖×a2 35.♖fc4 ♗×f3 36.g×f3 ♖d8 37.♖×c5 ♖dd2
0-1

Jackson,Ben Revon − Darr,Benjamin J (1678) [C55] (1)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗e7 5.h3 0-0 6.♘c3 d6 7.♗g5 ♗e6 8.♗d5 ♘×d5 9.e×d5 ♗×g5 10.d×c6 b×c6 11.♘×g5 ♕×g5 12.g4 f5 13.h4 ♕×g4 14.♕×g4 f×g4 15.h5 ♖ab8 16.b3 ♖f5 17.h6 ♖bf8 18.♘e4 ♗d5 19.h×g7 ♔×g7 20.♖g1 h5 21.0-0 ♗×e4 22.d×e4 ♖×f2 23.♖de1 ♖h2 24.♖ef1 ♖ff2 25.♖×f2 ♖×f2 26.♔d1 ♔g6 27.a4 ♔g5 28.♖g3 h4 29.♖c3 g3 30.♔e1 ♖f4 31.♖e3 g2 32.♔e2 g1♕ 33.♔d3 ♕d1+ 34.♔c4 ♕d4# 0-1

Jacobs,Steve (1400) − Wan,Joseph (2159) [A46] (1)
1.d4 e6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 h6 4.♗×f6 ♕×f6 5.e4 d5 6.e5 ♕d8 7.♗d3 c5 8.c3 ♕b6 9.♕b3 c4 10.♕×b6 a×b6 11.♗c2 b5 12.♘bd2 b4 13.0-0 ♘c6 14.♖fe1 ♗d7 15.h4 ♗e7 16.h5 0-0 17.♘f1 b5 18.♘e3 b×c3 19.b×c3 ♖a3 20.♘d1 ♖fa8 21.♗b1 ♘a5 22.♘d2 b4 23.♖e3 ♗g5 24.♖e2 ♗×d2 25.♖×d2 ♘b3 26.a×b3 ♖×a1 27.♖b2 c×b3 28.♔h2 ♖c8 29.c×b4 ♖c1 30.♖×b3 ♖a×b1 31.♖×b1 ♖×b1 32.♘e3 ♖×b4 0-1

Jetty,Milind (1731) − Anderson,Bill [E04] (1)
1.♘f3 e6 2.d4 d5 3.g3 c5 4.♗g2 ♘c6 5.0-0 ♘f6 6.c4 d×c4 7.♕a4 ♕b6 8.d×c5 ♗×c5 9.♕×c4 0-0 10.♕c2 ♘d4 11.♘×d4 ♗×d4 12.♘c3 ♗d7 13.♗g5 ♗c6 14.♗d2 ♗×g2 15.♔×g2 ♖ad8 16.e3 ♗e5 17.♖fd1 ♕c6+ 18.e4 ♖d4 19.f3 ♖fd8 20.♗e3 ♖×d1 21.♖×d1 ♖×d1 22.♕×d1 b6 23.♕d2 h6 24.♕d3 a5 25.♕d8+ ♔h7 26.♕×b6 ♕a8 27.♕c5 ♗×c3 28.♕×c3 ♘d7 29.♕d4 ♘b8 30.♕a7 ♕×a7 31.♗×a7 ♘c6 32.♗b6 a4 33.♗c5 ♔g6 34.♔f2 ♘a5 35.♔e2 ♘c4 36.b3 a×b3 37.a×b3 ♘a5 38.b4 ♘c6 39.b5 ♘d8 40.♔d3 ♔f6 41.♔c4 ♘b7 42.b6 e5 43.♔d5 1-0

Koenig,Seth A (2006) − Denison, Christine (1247) [D38] (1)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗b4 5.♗g5 ♘bd7 6.c×d5 e×d5 7.e3 0-0 8.♗d3 b6 9.0-0 ♗b7 10.♘e5 ♗e7 11.♕c2 ♔h8 12.f4 h6 13.♗h4 ♘×e5 14.f×e5 ♘g4 15.♕e2 ♗×h4 16.♕×g4 ♗g5 17.♖ae1 c5 18.♕f5 g6 19.♕f2 ♗h4 20.g3 ♕g5 21.♕g2 ♗c8 22.♖f4 ♗×g3 23.♕×g3 ♕e7 24.♘×d5 ♕d8 25.♗e4 ♖b8 26.♕h4 ♕×h4 27.♖×h4 h5 28.♖f4

♗e6 29.♘c3 c×d4 30.e×d4 ♖bd8 31.d5 ♗g4 32.h4 ♔g7 33.♗g2 a6 34.♖f6 ♖b8 35.♖c6 ♔h6 36.♘e4 ♗d7 37.♖c7 ♗b5 38.♘g5 f6 39.♖h7# 1-0

Neal II,James Alex (2171) − Uptain, Jacob (1411) [B01] (1)

1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.♗e2 ♘×d5 5.d4 e6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.c4 ♘f6 9.♘c3 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.♕c2 e5 12.d×e5 ♘g4 13.♗f4 f6 14.♗d3 f×e5 15.♗×h7+ ♔h8 16.♗g3 ♖f6 17.♗e4 ♖h6 18.♖ad1 ♕e8 19.♖×d7 ♕×d7 20.♗f5 ♘d4 21.♗×d7 ♘×c2 22.♗×g4 1-0

Pregon,Joseph (1958) − Hodina,James (975) [D01] (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♗g5 e6 4.♘f3 ♗e7 5.e3 0-0 6.♗d3 ♘bd7 7.0-0 c5 8.d×c5 ♘×c5 9.♗f4 a6 10.♕d2 b5 11.a3 ♗b7 12.♘d4 ♖c8 13.♕e2 ♘fe4 14.♗×e4 d×e4 15.♖fd1 ♕b6 16.♖d2 b4 17.a×b4 ♕×b4 18.♖b1 ♖fd8 19.♖dd1 ♗f6 20.♗g3 ♖d7 21.♘a2 ♕b6 22.c3 ♘d3 23.♘c1 ♘e5 24.♖d2 ♘c4 25.♖d1 ♗d5 26.h3 ♖cd8 27.b3 ♘d6 28.c4 ♗×c4 29.♕c2 ♗d5 30.♘ce2 ♖c8 31.♘c3 ♗b7 32.♘a4 ♕a5 33.♕d2 ♕×d2 34.♖×d2 ♗d8 35.♖bb2 ♗d5 36.♗×d6 ♖×d6 37.♖bc2 ♖×c2 38.♖×c2 g6 39.♘c5 e5 40.♘e2 ♖c6 41.b4 a5 42.b5 ♖c8 43.♖c1 ♗b6 44.♘d7 ♖×c1+ 45.♘×c1 ♗c7 46.b6 ♗d6 47.♘f6+ ♔f8 48.♘×d5 a4 49.♘a2 ♔e8 50.♘ab4 ♔d8 51.♔f1 ♔c8 52.♔e1 ♔b7 53.♔d1 ♗c5 54.♔c2 f5 55.♔c3 f4 56.e×f4 e×f4 57.♘×f4 ♗×f2 58.♘fd5 a3 59.♔b3 ♗×b6 60.♘×b6 ♔×b6 61.♘c2 ♔c5 62.♔×a3 ♔c4 63.♘e3+ ♔d3 64.♘g4 e3 65.♘h2 e2 66.♘f3 ♔e3 67.♘e1 ♔f2 68.♘c2 e1♕ 69.♘×e1 ♔×e1 70.g4 ♔f2 71.h4 ♔g3 72.h5 g5 73.h6 ♔×g4 74.♔b3 ♔f3 75.♔c4 g4 76.♔d5 g3 77.♔e6 g2 78.♔f7 g1♕ 0-1

Saleem,Arshaq (2147) − Nguyen, Thomas H (1281) [D53] (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d3 b6 8.0-0 ♗b7 9.a3 ♕d7 10.♕e2 ♖ad8 11.♖fd1 a5 12.♖ac1 ♖fe8 13.c×d5 e×d5 14.♗b5 h6 15.♘e5 ♕e6 16.♘×c6 ♗×c6 17.♗×c6 ♕×c6 18.♘b5 ♕b7 19.♖×c7 ♕b8 20.♗×f6 ♗×f6 21.♖dc1 ♕a8 22.♕h5 ♖f8 23.♕f5 ♕a6 24.a4 ♕a8 25.♖7c6 ♕b7 26.g3 ♔h8 27.♘c7 ♖c8 28.♕c2 ♖fd8 29.♘b5 ♖×c6 30.♕×c6 ♕×c6 31.♖×c6 ♔h7 32.♖×b6 ♖c8 33.♘c3 ♗d8 34.♖b5 ♔g6 35.♖×d5 ♖a8 36.♖b5 ♗f6 37.♘e4 1-0

Darr,Benjamin J (1678) − Saleem,Arshaq (2147) [B53] (2)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♕×d4 ♘c6 5.♗b5 ♗d7 6.♗×c6 ♗×c6 7.♘c3 ♘f6 8.♗g5 e6 9.0-0-0 ♗e7 10.♕d3 ♕a5 11.h4 h6 12.♗×f6 ♗×f6 13.♘d4 ♖d8 14.f4 ♕b6 15.♘cb5 ♗×b5 16.♕×b5+ ♕×b5 17.♘×b5 ♔e7 18.g3 a6 19.♘d4 g5 20.♘f3 g×f4 21.g×f4 ♖hg8 22.♖hg1 ♖c8 23.h5 ♖×g1 24.♖×g1 ♖c5 25.♖h1 ♗h8 26.♘d2 ♗d4 27.♖h3 ♗f6 28.c3 ♗h8 29.♔c2 ♖c8 30.♖g3 b5 31.♔d3 a5 32.♘b3 a4 33.♘d4 ♖c5 34.♖h3 ♗×d4 35.c×d4 ♖c1 36.♖h2 ♖f1 37.♔e3 ♖a1 38.a3 ♖a2 39.♖f2 ♖a1 40.♖h2 ♖c1 41.♔d3 ♖f1 42.♔e3 ♖g1 43.♔f2 ♖c1 44.♔e3 ♖g1 45.♔f2 ♖c1 46.♔e3 ½-½

Denison,Christine (1247) − Fiedorowicz, Owen (1537) [C52] (2)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.b4 ♗×b4 5.c3 ♗a5 6.♕b3 ♕e7 7.0-0 ♘f6 8.d3 0-0 9.♘bd2 d6 10.♘g5 ♗b6 11.♘df3 h6 12.♘×f7 ♖×f7 13.♗a3 ♘a5 14.♗×f7+ ♕×f7 15.♕d1 ♗g4 16.♖b1 ♕g6 17.d4 ♗h3 18.♘h4 ♕g5 19.g3 ♗×f1 20.♔×f1 ♘×e4 21.♕d3 ♘f6 22.♗c1 ♕h5 23.♗d2 e×d4 24.c×d4 ♘c6 25.♘f5 ♘g4 26.h4 ♖f8 27.♖b5 ♕f7 28.♗f4 a6 29.♖×b6 c×b6 30.♘×d6 ♕×a2 31.♘e4 ♖e8 32.♕f3 h5 33.♘g5 ♘×d4 34.♕d3 ♕×f2+ 0-1

Fiedorowicz,Jess (1272) − Chen,Nathan (1538) [A00] (2)

1.b4 d5 2.♗b2 ♗f5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 e6 5.a3 ♗d6 6.c4 d×c4 7.♗×c4 ♘bd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 ♘b6 10.♗b3 ♖c8 11.♘bd2 ♘e4 12.♖e1 ♕f6 13.♖c1 ♕h6 14.♘×e4 ♗×e4 15.h3 f5 16.♗c2 ♘d5 17.♗×e4 f×e4 18.♘e5 ♖ce8 19.♕g4 ♕f6 20.♖c2 a5 21.♘d7 ♕f7 22.♘×f8 ♖×f8 23.b×a5 ♔h8 24.♕×e4 ♘f6 25.♕×b7 ♕g6 26.a6 ♕×c2 27.a7 ♘d7 28.a8♕ ♕×f2+ 29.♔h1 ♕×e1# 0-1

Harder,Tim (1585) − Hesse,Thomas (1806) [B13] (2)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 c×d5 4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 e6 6.♗f4 ♗b4+ 7.♘bd2 ♘c6 8.♗d3 d×c4 9.♗×c4 0-0 10.a3 ♗d6 11.♗e5 b6 12.0-0 ♗b7 13.♕e2 ♖e8

14.♗d3 ♘d5 15.♗×d6 ♕×d6 16.♖ac1 ♘f4 17.♗×h7+ ♔×h7 18.♘g5+ ♔g8 19.♘×f7 ♔×f7 20.♕e4 ♖h8 21.♘f3 ♖h5 22.♘e5+ ♘×e5 23.♕×b7+ ♔f6 24.d×e5+ ♕×e5 25.g3 ♖ah8 26.♖ce1 ♕g5 27.♕f3 ♖×h2 28.♕×f4+ ♕×f4 29.g×f4 ½-½

Hodina,James (1958) − Neal,James (2171) [A46] (2)
1.♘f3 e6 2.g3 b5 3.♗g2 ♗b7 4.d4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♘bd2 0-0 7.c4 b×c4 8.♘×c4 d6 9.♘a5 ♗d5 10.♕a4 ♘fd7 11.b4 c5 12.b×c5 d×c5 13.♗a3 ♘b6 14.♕c2 c×d4 15.♗×e7 ♕×e7 16.♘×d4 ♖c8 17.♕d2 ♘8d7 18.♖fc1 ♘e5 19.♘dc6 ♘×c6 20.♘×c6 ♕f6 21.♗×d5 e×d5 22.♘b4 ♖d8 23.♖d1 h5 24.h4 ♖d6 25.♖ac1 ♖ad8 26.♕d4 ♕e6 27.e3 a5 28.♘d3 ♘c4 29.♘f4 ♕g4 30.♕c5 ♕f3 31.♖d4 ♘e5 32.♕×a5 ♔h7 33.♕d2 ♕g4 34.♔g2 g6 35.♕d1 ♕f5 36.♘×d5 ♖×d5 37.♖×d5 ♕e4+ 38.f3 ♕×d5 39.♕×d5 ♖×d5 40.♖c2 ♘d3 41.e4 ♖a5 42.♖d2 ♘b4 43.♖d7 ♖×a2+ 44.♔h3 ♔g8 45.g4 ♖a5 46.♔g3 h×g4 47.♔×g4 ♘d3 0-1

Nguyen,Thomas (1281) − Jackson,Ben Ravon [B01] (2)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♕×d5 3.♘c3 ♕e6+ 4.♗e2 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗d7 6.0-0 ♘f6 7.♖e1 ♕d6 8.d4 ♘g4 9.♘e4 ♕d5 10.♘g3 e6 11.c4 ♕a5 12.♗d2 ♗b4 13.a3 ♗×d2 14.♘×d2 ♘f6 15.b4 ♕g5 16.♘f3 ♕f4 17.♕d3 a6 18.d5 e×d5 19.c×d5 ♘e7 20.♗f1 ♖d8 21.♕b3 h5 22.♗c4 h4 23.♘f1 0-0 24.♖×e7 ♘g4 25.♖ae1 h3 26.g3 ♕f6 27.♖7e2 ♗a4 28.♕×a4 ♕×f3 29.♘e3 ♖fe8 30.♕d1 ♘×e3 31.f×e3 b5 32.♗a2 ♕e4 33.♖f1 g5 34.♕c1 ♖d7 35.♖ef2 ♖e5 36.d6 ♖f5 37.d×c7 ♖×c7 38.♕×c7 ♖×f2 39.♖×f2 ♕×e3 40.♕d8+ ♔g7 41.♕f6+ ♔h7 42.♗b1+ ♔g8 43.♕×f7+ ♔h8 44.♕f8# 1-0

Patwardhan,Kaustubh − Blokhin,Ilya (1814) [A06] (2)
1.b3 ♘f6 2.♗b2 d5 3.e3 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♗d6 6.d3 ♘bd7 7.♘bd2 ♕e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 c5 10.c4 ♗g6 11.♘h4 ♖fd8 12.♘×g6 h×g6 13.d4 ♖ac8 14.d×c5 ♘×c5 15.b4 ♘ce4 16.c5 ♗b8 17.♖c1 ♘×d2 18.♕×d2 ♘e4 19.♕c2 ♕h4 20.g3 ♕h3 21.♗f3 ♘f6 22.♖fd1 ♘g4 23.♗×g4 ♕×g4 24.♖d4 ♕g5 25.♕e2 e5 26.♖dd1 d4 27.♖c4 d×e3 28.♖×d8+ ♖×d8 29.f×e3 ♕f5 [and the game went on for another 10 or so moves. White moves something then 30. ... ♖d2 31.♔f3 ♖b2 32.a4 a6 33.c6 bc6 and here the scoresheet can't be read.] 0-1

Vasto,Daniel (2034) − Jetty,Milind (1731) [B09] (2)
1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.f4 ♗g7 5.♘f3 0-0 6.♗d3 c5 7.d×c5 d×c5 8.0-0 ♘c6 9.♔h1 b6 10.e5 ♘e8 11.♗e4 ♗b7 12.♕e2 ♘c7 13.♗e3 ♕c8 14.♖fd1 ♖d8 15.♖×d8+ ♘×d8 16.♖d1 ♗×e4 17.♘×e4 ♘c6 18.c4 ♕e8 19.♘c3 ♖d8 20.♘d5 ♘a6 21.a3 e6 22.♘c3 ♖×d1+ 23.♕×d1 ♕d8 24.♕×d8+ ♘×d8 25.♘b5 ♘c6 26.♘g5 h6 27.♘e4 ♔f8 28.♔g1 ♔e7 29.♔f2 ♘ab8 30.♔e2 ♘d7 31.♔d3 ♗f8 32.b3 ♗g7 33.♘ed6 ½-½

Wan,Joseph (2159) − Koenig,Seth A (2006) [B04] (2)
1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.♗c4 c6 5.♘f3 g6 6.0-0 ♗g7 7.h3 0-0 8.♕e2 h6 9.♗d2 ♗e6 10.♗d3 d×e5 11.♘×e5 ♘c7 12.♗c3 ♘d7 13.♘a3 ♘×e5 14.d×e5 ♘d5 15.♗d2 ♕c7 16.♖ae1 a5 17.c3 ♖fd8 18.♗c1 b5 19.♘c2 ♘b6 20.f4 ♗×a2 21.♘d4 ♗c4 22.♗×c4 ♘×c4 23.b3 ♘b6 24.f5 ♘d5 25.f×g6 f×g6 26.♕g4 ♔h7 27.♖f7 h5 28.♕g5 1-0

Anderson,Bill − Fiedorowicz,Jess (1272) [C44] (3)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♗c5 5.♗g2 ♗b6 6.0-0 d6 7.♘bd2 ♗g4 8.♖e1 0-0 9.♘f1 ♘d4 10.h3 ♘×f3+ 11.♗×f3 ♗×h3 12.♘h2 ♕d7 13.c3 h6 14.d4 c6 15.♗e3 ♖ad8 16.d×e5 d×e5 17.♗×b6 a×b6 18.♕b3 b5 19.♖ad1 ♕e7 20.♘f1 ♘g4 21.♗×g4 ♗×g4 22.♖×d8 ♖×d8 23.♘e3 ♗f3 24.♘f5 ♕g5 25.♕b4 ♕d2 26.♖f1 ♕e2 27.♘e3 ♖d3 28.♘g2 ♖d1 29.♖×d1 ♕×d1+ 30.♔h2 ♕f1 0-1

Blokhin,Ilya (1814) − Saleem,Arshaq (2147) [E63] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.0-0 a6 8.e4 ♗g4 9.♗e3 ♘d7 10.♕d2 ♗×f3 11.♗×f3 e5 12.d5 ♘d4 13.♗g2 c5 14.d×c6 b×c6 15.♘e2 c5 16.♘c3 ♕a5 17.♖fd1 ♘b6 18.b3 ♖ab8 19.♘d5 ♕×d2 20.♖×d2 a5 21.♗×d4 e×d4 22.♘e7+ ♔h8 23.♘c6 ♖a8 24.♖e1 ♘d7 25.f4 ♖a6 26.♘e7 ♖e8 27.♘d5 ♖a7 28.♗h3 f5 29.♗g2 ♘f6 30.e5 d×e5 31.♖×e5 ♖×e5 32.f×e5 ♘×d5

33.c×d5 ♗×e5 34.♔f2 ♔g7 35.♔e2 a4 36.♔d3 a×b3 37.a×b3 ♖b7 38.♔e2 h5 39.♖d3 ♔f6 40.♗f3 ♔g5 41.♔d1 ♖a7 42.♔e2 h4 43.♗g2 h×g3 44.h×g3 ♖a2+ 45.♔f3 ♖a3 46.♗f1 ♖a2 47.♗e2 ♔f6 48.♗d1 ♔g5 49.♗e2 ♖b2 50.♗f1 ♔h5 51.♗e2 g5 52.♔f2+ g4 53.♔f1 ♖b1+ 54.♔g2 ♔g5 55.♔f2 ♖b2 56.♔f1 ♔f6 57.♔e1 ♔e7 58.♗d1 ♖g2 59.♔f1 ♖×g3 60.♖×g3 ♗×g3 61.♗e2 ♔f6 62.♗c4 ♗d6 63.♔f2 ♔g5 64.♗d3 f4 65.♗e4 f3 66.♗h7 ♔f4 67.♗d3 g3+ 68.♔g1 g2 69.♔f2 ♗e7 70.d6 ♗h4+ 0-1

Darr,Benjamin J (1678) − Vasto,Daniel (2034) [B53] (3)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♕×d4 ♘c6 5.♗b5 ♕a5+ 6.♘c3 ♕×b5 7.♘×b5 ♘×d4 8.♘f×d4 ♔d8 9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.0-0-0 e5 11.♗b4 e×d4 12.♗×d6 ♘e7 13.♘×d4 ♘c8 14.♗e5 ♘d6 15.♖he1 ♗e7 16.♖d3 f6 17.♗g3 ♔e8 18.e5 f×e5 19.♗×e5 ♘f5 20.♘×f5 ♗×f5 21.♖f3 ♖f8 22.♗d6 ♔d7 23.♗×e7 ♖ae8 24.♗×f8 ♖×e1+ 25.♔d2 ♖e5 26.♗×g7 ♖d5+ 27.♔c1 ♗e4 28.♖b3 ♖g5 29.♗d4 ♖×g2 30.h3 a6 31.c4 ♖h2 32.♔d2 ♗g2 33.♔e1 ♖×h3 34.♖×h3 ♗×h3 35.♔d2 ♔e6 36.♔e3 ♔f5 37.b4 ♗f1 38.c5 ♗b5 39.♔f3 ♗c6+ 40.♔e3 h5 41.♗g7 h4 42.♗h6 ♔g4 43.♗f4 ♔h3 44.♗c7 ♔g2 45.f4 h3 46.f5 h2 47.♗×h2 ♔×h2 48.f6 ♗e8 49.a4 ♔g3 50.b5 a×b5 51.a×b5 1-0

Fiedorowicz,Owen (1537) − Nguyen, Thomas H (1281) [C01] (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.c4 ♘c6 6.♘c3 ♗b4 7.♗f4 ♗f5 8.♗e2 0-0 9.0-0 ♖e8 10.a3 ♗f8 11.♘b5 ♖c8 12.♗g5 a6 13.♘c3 ♗e6 14.♗×f6 g×f6 15.♕b3 d×c4 16.♗×c4 ♗×c4 17.♕×c4 ♗g7 18.d5 ♘e7 19.♖ad1 ♕d7 20.♕h4 ♘g6 21.♕g3 ♖cd8 22.♖fe1 ♖×e1+ 23.♖×e1 ♕d6 24.♕g4 ♕f4 25.♕h3 ♕h6 26.♕f5 ♕f4 27.♕d3 c6 28.g3 ♕d6 29.♖d1 ♘e7 30.♕e4 ♘×d5 31.♘×d5 c×d5 32.♕g4 ♕e6 33.♕h5 ♕d6 34.♘h4 ♕e5 35.♕g4 ♔h8 36.♘f5 ♖g8 37.♕f3 ♖d8 38.♘e3 d4 39.♘f5 ♖d5 40.♘e7 ♖d7 41.♘f5 ♖d5 42.♘e3 ♖d7 43.♕g4 ♖d8 44.♘f5 ♗f8 45.♘×d4 ♗c5 46.♘b3 ♖×d1+ 47.♕×d1 ♗b6

½-½

Hesse,Thomas (1806) − Chen,Nathan (1538) [A29] (3)

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.d3 d5 5.c×d5 ♘×d5 6.g3 g6 7.♗g2 ♘de7 8.0-0 ♗g7 9.♗g5 0-0 10.♕d2 ♘f5 11.♗×d8 ♖×d8 12.a3 ♗e6 13.♕c2 ♘cd4 14.♘×d4 ♘×d4 15.♕d1 ♖ab8 16.b4 c6 17.♖b1 a6 18.♘e4 ♘b5 19.a4 ♘d4 20.♘c5 ♗g4 21.f3 ♗e6 22.♘×e6 ♘×e6 23.♗h3 ♘d4 24.e3 ♘f5 25.♗×f5 g×f5 26.f4 e4 27.d4 ♖d5 28.g4 f×g4 29.♕×g4 ♖e8 30.♔f2 ♖e6 31.♖g1 ♖g6 32.♕c8+ ♗f8 33.♖×g6+ h×g6 34.♕×b7 ♖h5 35.♔g2 g5 36.f×g5 ♖×g5+ 37.♔f2 ♖f5+ 38.♔e2 ♖h5 39.♖g1+ 1-0

Jacobs,Steve (1400) − Patwardhan, Kaustubh [D03] (3)

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗g5 e6 4.♘bd2 ♗e7 5.e3 0-0 6.♗d3 ♘bd7 7.0-0 c5 8.c3 c4 9.♗c2 b5 10.a3 ♗b7 11.♖e1 a5 12.e4 d×e4 13.♘×e4 ♘×e4 14.♗×e7 ♕×e7 15.♗×e4 ♗×e4 16.♖×e4 ♘f6 17.♖e2 ♘d5 18.♕d2 b4 19.♘e5 ♖fc8 20.a4 b×c3 21.b×c3 ♖ab8 22.♖ee1 ♖b3 23.♖ec1 ♕c7 24.♖ab1 ♖cb8 25.♖×b3 ♖×b3 26.g3 ♖a3 27.♕b2 ♖b3 28.♕c2 f6 29.♘f3 ♖×c3 30.♕d1 ♖×c1 31.♕×c1 c3 32.♕e1 ♔f7 33.♕c1 c2 34.♘e1 ♘b4 35.h4 ♕c3 36.♔g2 ♘d3 37.♘×d3 ♕×d3 38.♕f4 ♕d1 39.♕c7+ ♔g6 40.h5+ ♔×h5 41.♕f7+ ♔h6 42.♕×e6 c1♕ 43.♕h3+ ♔h5 0-1

Jetty,Melind (1731) − Hodina,James (1958) [D02] (3)

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 d5 5.0-0 0-0 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.♘c3 c5 8.d×c5 ♘×c5 9.♘d4 ♘fd7 10.♗d2 ♗×d4 11.♗h6 ♗g7 12.♗×g7 ♔×g7 13.♕×d5 e6 14.♕d4+ ♕f6 15.♕d6 e5 16.♕d2 ♘b6 17.♕e3 ♕e7 18.f4 ♖e8 19.♘d5 ♘×d5 20.♗×d5 e4 21.♕d3 f6 22.♔g2 ♗f5 23.♕e3 ♖ac8 24.♖ac1 b5 25.h3 ♗×h3+ 26.♔×h3 ♕d7+ 27.♔g2 ♕×d5 28.b3 ♕b7 29.♖h1 f5 30.♕d4+ ♔g8 31.♖h6 ♘e6 32.♕f6 e3+ 33.♔h2 ♕g7 34.♕×g7+ ♔×g7 35.♖h3 h5 36.c3 ♖ed8 37.♔g2 ♖d2 38.♔f3 ♖×a2 39.♔×e3 ♘c5 40.c4 ♖e8+ 41.♔f3 ♖a×e2 0-1

Neal II,James Alex (2171) − Wan,Joseph (2159) [C06] (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘df3 c×d4 8.c×d4 f6 9.e×f6 ♘×f6 10.♘h3 ♗d6 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖e1 ♕c7 13.♘hg5 e5 14.d×e5 ♘×e5 15.♗×h7+ ♔h8 16.♗d3 ♘×f3+ 17.♘×f3 ♘g4 18.h3 ♗h2+ 19.♔f1 ♘×f2 20.♕c2 ♘×d3 21.♕×d3 ♗×h3 22.♖e3 ♗×g2+

23.♔×g2 ♕g3+ 24.♔f1 ♗g1 25.♔e2 ♗×e3 26.♗×e3 ♕×f3+ 27.♔d2 d4 28.♗×d4 ♕×d3+ 29.♔×d3 ♖ad8 30.♖h1+ ♔g8 31.♖h4 ♖f7 32.♔e4 ♖e8+ 33.♔d5 ♖d7+ 34.♔c4 a6 35.a4 ♖e6 36.a5 ♔f7 37.♖f4+ ♔g6 38.♖g4+ ♔h6 39.♗c5 g5 40.b4 ♔h5 41.♖g1 g4 42.♔c3 ♖e4 43.♔c2 ♔h4 0-1

Pregon,Joseph J (975) − Denison, Christine (1247) [D02] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.e3 ♗d6 5.♗g3 ♘e4 6.♗d3 ♘×g3 7.h×g3 c5 8.d×c5 ♗×c5 9.♘c3 ♘c6 10.♗b5 a6 11.♗×c6+ b×c6 12.♘d4 ♗b7 13.♕d2 ♗b4 14.0-0-0 ♕a5 15.a3 ♗×a3 16.♘b3 ♕b4 17.b×a3 ♕×a3+ 18.♔b1 ♗c8 19.♘a2 a5 20.♔a1 a4 21.♘bc1 ♖b8 22.♕c3 ♕×c3+ 23.♘×c3 ♖a8 24.♔a2 0-0 25.♔a3 ♗d7 26.♘d3 ♖fb8 27.♖b1 f6 28.♖×b8+ ♖×b8 29.♖b1 ♖a8 30.♘c5 ♗c8 31.♘3×a4 e5 32.♖b6 ♗f5 33.c3 ♖c8 34.♖b7 ♖a8 35.♖c7 g5 36.♖×c6 ♔f7 37.♔b4 ♔e7 38.♖b6 ♔d8 39.♖×f6 ♗c2 40.♖f8+ 1-0

Uptain,Jacob (1411) − Harder,Tim (1585) [D46] (3)
1.♘f3 d5 2.e3 ♘f6 3.c4 c6 4.d4 e6 5.a3 ♗d6 6.♗d3 0-0 7.0-0 ♘bd7 8.♘c3 b6 9.b4 c5 10.d×c5 b×c5 11.c×d5 e×d5 12.♘×d5 ♘×d5 13.♗×h7+ ♔×h7 14.♕×d5 ♘b6 15.♕h5+ ♔g8 16.♗b2 c×b4 17.♖fd1 ♘c4 18.♖d4 ♘×b2 19.♘g5 ♕×g5 20.♕×g5 f6 21.♕d5+ 1-0

Chen,Nathan (1538) − Pregon,Joseph J (975) [C41] (4)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♗g4 4.d5 ♗×f3 5.♕×f3 ♕f6 6.♕d1 a6 7.c4 ♘d7 8.♘c3 ♗e7 9.♗d3 ♘h6 10.♗e3 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.f4 e×f4 13.♖×f4 ♕e5 14.♖f1 ♘c5 15.♗c2 ♗g5 16.♗d4 ♕e7 17.♕f3 ♗d2 18.♖ad1 ♗×c3 19.♕×c3 f6 20.b4 ♘×e4 21.♕e3 ♖fe8 22.♖de1 f5 23.♖f4 ♘g4 24.♕e2 g6 25.♗×e4 ♘f6 26.♗c2 ♕f7 27.♕d2 ♖e7 28.♖×e7 ♕×e7 29.♖f2 ♔f7 30.♖e2 ♕d7 31.♖e6 ♘g8 32.♕c3 ♖e8 33.♗h8 ♖×e6 34.♕g7+ ♔e8 35.♕×g8+ ♔e7 36.d×e6 ♕a4 37.♕f7+ ♔d8 38.e7+ ♔d7 39.e8♕# 1-0

Harder,Tim (1585) − Jetty,Milind (1731) [B07] (4)
1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♗d3 g6 4.f4 ♗g7 5.♘f3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 ♘bd7 8.♔h1 b6 9.e5 ♘e8 10.♘g5 ♘c7 11.f5 d×e5 12.♕f3 e×d4 13.♘×h7 ♔×h7 14.f×g6+ f×g6 15.♗×g6+ ♔g8 16.♗f7+ ♖×f7 17.♕×f7+ ♔h8 18.♕h5+ ♔g8 19.♕f7+ ♔h7 20.♕h5+ ♔g8 21.♕f7+ ♔h7 22.♕h5+ ½-½

Hodina,James (1958) − Uptain,Jacob (1411) [E16] (4)
1.♘f3 b6 2.d4 ♗b7 3.g3 e6 4.♗g2 d5 5.0-0 ♗d6 6.b3 ♘f6 7.c4 0-0 8.♕c2? ♘bd7 9.♘bd2 e5 10.d×e5 ♘×e5 11.♗b2 ♖e8 12.♖ad1 ♕e7 13.♘d4 g6 14.♘b5 ♗c5 15.♕c3? a6 16.♘d4 ♗b4 17.♕c1 c5 18.♘c2 ♗×d2 19.♕×d2 d4 20.♖fe1? ♗×g2 21.♔×g2 ♕b7+ 22.♔g1 ♖ad8 23.♕g5 ♘e4 24.♕f4 h5 25.♘e3 f5 26.♘d5 ♘g4 27.f3 ♘e3?? 28.♘×e3 d×e3 29.f×e4 ♖×d1 30.♖×d1 ♖×e4 31.♕h6 ♕h7 32.♖d8+ 1-0

Keating,Robert F (2182) − Blokhin,Ilya (1814) [B15] (4)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘f6 5.♘×f6+ e×f6 6.c3 ♗d6 7.♗d3 0-0 8.♘e2 ♖e8 9.0-0 ♘d7 10.♗f4 ♘b6 11.♗×d6 ♕×d6 12.♕c2 h6 13.c4 ♕c7 14.♖ad1 ♗e6 15.b3 ♖ad8 16.♖fe1 ♗g4 17.f3 ♗c8 18.♗e4 ♘d7 19.♘c3 b6 20.g3 ♗b7 21.♔g2 ♘f8 22.♕f2 ♘e6 23.♖e2 ♖e7 24.♖ed2 ♖ed7 25.♗f5 ♖e7 26.d5 ♕e5 27.d×e6 ♖×d2 28.♕×d2 ♕×f5 29.♕d8+ ♔h7 30.♕×e7 ♕c2+ 31.♔g1 ♕×c3 32.e×f7 ♕×f3 33.♖f1 1-0

Neal II,James Alex (2171) − Darr,Benjamin J (1678) [C56] (4)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d4 e×d4 5.e5 d5 6.♗b5 ♘e4 7.♘×d4 ♗d7 8.♗×c6 b×c6 9.0-0 ♗c5 10.♗e3 ♗b6 11.f3 ♘g5 12.f4 ♘e4 13.♘d2 c5 14.♘4b3 ♗b5 15.♖e1 ♘×d2 16.♕×d2 d4 17.♗f2 0-0 18.a4 ♗c6 19.a5 ♕d5 20.♗×d4 c×d4 21.a×b6 a×b6 22.♘×d4 ♖fd8 23.♖ad1 ♖a4 24.c3 ♗b5 25.♕f2 c5 26.b3 ♖aa8 27.♕h4 ♗a6 28.♕g5 f6 29.♘f5 f×g5 30.♘e7+ ♔f7 31.♘×d5 ♗c8 32.♘×b6 ♖×d1 33.♖×d1 ♖b8 34.♘×c8 ♖×c8 35.f5 ♔e7 36.c4 h5 37.h3 h4 38.♖a1 ♖c7 39.♖a6 ♖b7 40.♖g6 ♔f7 41.e6+ ♔f8 42.♖×g5 ♖×b3 43.e7+ ♔×e7 44.♖×g7+ ♔f6 45.♖c7 ♔×f5 46.♖×c5+ ♔f4 47.♔h2 ♔e3 48.♖h5 ♔d3 49.♖×h4 ♖b4 1-0

Patwardhan,Kaustubh − Hesse,Thomas (1806) [A06] (4)

1.b3 ♘f6 2.♗b2 d5 3.e3 ♘bd7 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♗d6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 0-0 8.♘bd2 c5 9.d4 c×d4 10.e×d4 e4 11.♘e5 ♕c7 12.♘×d7 ♗×d7 13.h3 ♖ae8 14.c4 e3 15.♘f3 e×f2+ 16.♖×f2 ♘e4 17.♖f1 ♘g3 18.♖f2 ♘e4 19.♖f1 ♘g3 20.♖f2 ♗f4 21.♗c1 ♗e3 22.♗×e3 ♖×e3 23.♗f1 ♖fe8 24.♕c1 ♘×f1 25.♕×f1 f6 ½-½

Saleem,Arshaq (2154) – Wan,Joseph (2147) [A40] (4)
1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 ♗b7 4.♗d3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗×d2+ 6.♘×d2 d6 7.♘gf3 ♘d7 8.b4 ♘e7 9.0-0 0-0 10.♕e2 e5 11.d5 h6 12.♘e1 f5 13.f3 f4 14.♘b3 ♘f6 15.c5 g5 16.a4 ♖b8 17.♗c4 ♕e8 18.♘d3 ♔h8 19.a5 b5 20.♘b2 b×c4 21.♕×c4 g4 22.♔h1 ♕h5 23.c×d6 c×d6 24.♕c7 ♘g6 25.♕×d6 g3 26.h3 ♗c8 0-1

Vasto,Daniel (2034) – Nguyen,Thomas H (1281) [C13] (4)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 d×e4 5.♗×f6 g×f6 6.♘×e4 ♗e7 7.♘f3 f5 8.♘c3 a6 9.♕d2 b5 10.0-0-0 c5 11.♕e3 ♕b6 12.d5 ♗b7 13.♕e5 ♖f8 14.d6 ♗d8 15.♘d5 ♗×d5 16.♖×d5 ♘d7 17.♕e3 ♖a7 18.♖d1 ♗f6 19.♔b1 ♔d8 20.g3 ♕c6 21.♗g2 ♕c8 22.♖he1 ♕b8 23.♕h6 ♖h8 24.♘g5 ♗×g5 25.♕×g5+ f6 26.♕g7 ♖e8 27.♗c6 ♕b6 28.♗×d7 ♖×d7 29.♕×f6+ ♔c8 30.♖×e6 ♖×e6 31.♕×e6 ♕c6 32.♕×f5 ♔b7 33.♕d5 ♕×d5 34.♖×d5 ♔c6 35.♖d2 ♖×d6 36.♖×d6+ ♔×d6 37.♔c1 ♔e5 38.♔d2 ♔e4 39.♔e2 h5 40.f3+ ♔f5 41.h3 1-0

Saleem Captures 2016 Port of Burlington Open
By IA Bill Broich

Arshaq Saleem won the 2016 Port of Burlington Open with 4.5 points while five players, James Neal II, Gokul Thangavel, Ilya Blohkin, Abhyudhaya Venkat, and Austin Scharosch all finished with 3.5 points, a full point behind Saleem.

The tournament was held at the Loft of Burlington in downtown Burlington, Iowa on January 30th & 31st. The event had three sections, Open, Reserve, and RBO. This is the 2nd Port of Burlington Open and it was organized again this year by Eric Vigil. The Open section was FIDE rated again this year and drew 23 participants.

This is the first qualifying tournament held at the Loft. The playing room was spacious and had plenty of natural light. The event was running smoothly until Sunday morning when a church choir began singing so loud on the floor below the tournament hall the event was briefly stopped. After approximately 15 minutes, play resumed. The organizer had informed me prior to the event that a bible study was going to be held Sunday morning. We were not aware that a full-throated choir would be singing along with bible study!

This year's event attracted 11 out of state players including 3 players from Illinois and 7 from Nebraska! The pre-tournament average rating was 1715. The field included 6 experts, one of which has 2200 threshold.

The following players had notable rating gains: Ilya Blohkin +66, Harry Le +55, Austin Scharosch +49, and Clive Power +42. Congratulations to all of you who competed.

Rector wins the 2016 Port of Burlington Reserve
Rich Rector topped a field of 7 players to win the 2016 Port of Burlington Reserve. Rector scored 3.5 points while Abhyudaya Shukla and Mathew Power each scored 2.5 points to tie for 2nd place. Rector went 3-0 and had a half point bye in the final round. All players in this section were from Iowa.

The following players had notable rating gains: M. Power +72, and Rector +36. Congratulations to all of you who competed.

Three Players tie for 1st in the 2016 Port of Burlington RBO

Joseph Vigil, Aaron Thomasson, and Amurtha Venkat scored 4 of 5 points to tie for 1st in 2016 Port of Burlington RBO. Shawn Johnson scored 3 points. Eight players competed in this section of which 7 were from Iowa and the remaining player was from Illinois. Venkat gained 128 rating points for his effort. Draken Sullivan played his first rated game! Congratulations to all of you who competed.

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	2132*	2155*	W23	W5	D2	W7	W8	4.5
2	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2168*	2161*	W15	W12	D1	D3	D4	3.5
3	Thangavel, Gokul	IA	2003*	2019*	W19	D16	W11	D2	D7	3.5
4	Blokhin, Ilya	IA	1818*	1884*	H0	D13	W14	W11	D2	3.5
5	Venkat, Abhyudhay	IL	1823*	1830*	W21	L1	D18	W19	W14	3.5
6	Scharosch, Austin	IA	1722*	1771*	W8	L11	W21	D9	W17	3.5
7	Keating, Robert F	IA	2185*	2165*	D14	W22	W12	L1	D3	3.0
8	Reynolds, Robert	IA	2063*	2044*	L6	W10	W17	W13	L1	3.0
9	Dutiel, Tony	NE	1840*	1805*	L16	D19	D20	D6	W18	2.5
10	Le, Harry	NE	1469*	1524*	H0	L8	L19	W23	W20	2.5
11	Knapp, Joseph	NE	2015*	1994*	W17	W6	L3	L4	U0	2.0
12	Rao, Patrick	IL	1831*	1830*	W18	L2	L7	W21	U0	2.0
13	Linscott, John	NE	1854*	1838*	D20	D4	W22	L8	U0	2.0
14	Takahashi, Michae	IA	1738*	1731*	D7	W20	L4	D18	L5	2.0
15	Xu, Arthur Zihan	IL	1745*	1714*	L2	L17	H0	D20	W21	2.0
16	Power, Clive Scot	IA	1647*	1689*	W9	D3	H0	U0	U0	2.0
17	Mills, Michael L	NE	1588*	1599*	L11	W15	L8	W22	L6	2.0
18	Parthasarathy, Ma	IL	1543*	1578*	L12	W23	D5	D14	L9	2.0
19	Reigenborn, Jonat	NE	1612*	1624*	L3	D9	W10	L5	U0	1.5
20	Chen, Nathan	IA	1539*	1544*	D13	L14	D9	D15	L10	1.5
21	Vigil, Barry	IA	1321*	1309*	L5	B0	L6	L12	L15	1.0
22	Trine, Jeb	NE	1110*	1106*	B0	L7	L13	L17	U0	1.0
23	Willett, Joseph	IL	1683*	1634*	L1	L18	H0	L10	U0	0.5

Reserve Section

#	Player	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Rector, Richard	1512*	1548*	1456*	1508*	W5	W3	W4	H0	3.5
2	Shukla, Abhyudaya	1546*	1516*	1124*	1190*	W6	L4	W7	D3	2.5
3	Power, Matthew Sc	1172*	1244*	1118*	1177*	B0	L1	W5	D2	2.5
4	Reedy, Edward	1397*	1392*	1416*	1384*	W7	W2	L1	L6	2.0
5	Gatton, Albert A	1324*	1307*	1383*	1348*	L1	W6	L3	B0	2.0
6	Felgar, Stan	1296*	1293*	1248*	1235*	L2	L5	B0	W4	2.0
7	Power, Josiah Tho	1142*	1126*	1085*	1056*	L4	B0	L2	H0	1.5

Rated Beginner's Open Section

#	Player	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Vigil, Joseph	854*	859*	825*	828*	W5	W7	W4	W6	L3	4.0
2	Thomasson, Aaron	774*	781*	771*	770*	W7	L5	W8	W4	W6	4.0
3	Venkat, Amrutha	548*	676*	543*	661*	L6	W8	W7	W5	W1	4.0
4	Johnson, Shawn	645*	660*	629*	632*	W8	W6	L1	L2	W7	3.0
5	Reddy, Aman	569*	576*	693*	650*	L1	W2	L6	L3	W8	2.0
6	Zihlman, Brian S	1042/03	791/08	1300/00	633/05	W3	L4	W5	L1	L2	2.0
7	Johnson, Adam	108/04	186/09	116/04	193/09	L2	L1	L3	W8	L4	1.0
8	Sullivan, Draken	506/00	101/05	506/00	101/05	L4	L3	L2	L7	L5	0.0

Games:

Dutiel,Tony (1840) – Power,Clive (1647) [B07] (1)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♗d3 c5 4.c3 ♕a5 5.♘e2 ♘c6 6.0-0 ♗g4 7.f3 ♗d7 8.♗e3 c×d4 9.c×d4 ♘b4 10.♘bc3 g6 11.a3 ♘×d3 12.♕×d3 ♗g7 13.♖ac1 0-0 14.h3 e5 15.f4 e×f4 16.♘×f4 g5 17.♘fd5 ♘×d5 18.♘×d5 ♗b5 19.♕b3 ♗×f1 20.♔×f1 ♖ab8 21.♘e7+ ♔h8 22.♘f5 ♕d8 23.♕d5 ♕f6 24.♖c7 ♕e6 25.♘×d6 ♖bd8 26.♖×f7 ♕×d5 27.e×d5 ♖×d6 28.♖×f8+ ♗×f8 29.♗×g5 ♖×d5 30.h4 ♗g7 31.♔e2 ♗×d4 32.b3 ♔g7 33.♔d3 ♗f6+ 34.♔c4 ♖e5 35.♗d2 ♖e2 36.♗b4 ♖×g2 0-1

Linscott,John (1854) – Chen,Nathan (1539) [C15] (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘ge2 ♘e7 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.♘×c3 0-0 7.♗e3 f5 8.e×d5 ♘×d5 9.♘×d5 e×d5 10.♕d2 ♕e7 11.0-0-0 ♘d7 12.♗g5 ♕f7 13.♔b1 c6 14.h4 ♘f6 15.f3 ♘h5 16.♖e1 ♗e6 17.♗f4 ♘×f4 18.♕×f4 ♖fe8 19.♗d3 b6 20.♖e5 ♔h8 21.♖he1 h6 22.h5 c5 23.c3 c4 24.♗c2 b5 25.♖h1 a5 26.g3 b4 27.♗×f5 ♗×f5+ 28.♖×f5 ♕b7 29.♖f7 ♖e7 30.♖f8+ ♖×f8 31.♕×f8+ ♔h7 32.♕f5+ ♔h8 33.♕f8+ ♔h7 34.♕f5+ ♔h8 35.♕f8+ ½-½

Mills,Michael (1588) – Knapp,Joseph (2015) [B50] (1)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.b4 c×b4 4.c3 d5 5.e×d5 ♘f6 6.♕a4+ ♗d7 7.♕×b4 ♘×d5 8.♕×b7 ♘c6 9.♕b2 ♖b8 10.♕c2 g6 11.♗c4 ♘f4 12.0-0 ♗f5 13.d3 ♗×d3

14.♗×d3 ♕×d3 15.♕×d3 ♘×d3 16.♗e3 e5 17.♘bd2 f5 18.♖ab1 ♖×b1 19.♖×b1 f4 20.♗×a7 ♘×a7 21.♖b8+ ♔d7 22.♖b7+ ♔c6 23.♖×a7 ♗c5 24.♖a4 ♔b5 25.♖c4 ♖a8 26.a4+ ♔c6 27.♘e4 ♔d5 28.♖×c5+ ♘×c5 29.♘×c5 ♔×c5 30.♘×e5 ♖e8 31.♘f3 ♔c4 32.g3 f×g3 33.h×g3 ♔×c3 34.a5 ♖e7 35.a6 ♔d3 36.♔g2 ♖a7 37.♘g5 ♔d4 38.♔f3 ♔e5 39.♔g4 h6 40.f4+ ♔d5 41.♘f3 ♖×a6 42.♘e5 ♖f6 43.♔f3 h5 44.♘d3 ♖b6 45.♘e5 ♖b3+ 46.♔g2 g5 47.♘f3 ♖b2+ 48.♔f1 g×f4 49.g×f4 ♔e4 50.♘e1 h4 51.f5 h3 52.♔g1 h2+ 53.♔h1 ♖b1 0-1

Reynolds,Robert (2064) – Sharosch, Austin (1722) [A16] (1)

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.c×d5 ♘×d5 4.♘f3 g6 5.♕c2 ♘b4 6.♕b1 ♗g7 7.a3 ♘d5 8.g3 0-0 9.♗g2 c6 10.0-0 ♗g4 11.♕c2 ♘d7 12.♖b1 ♖c8 13.d3 ♕a5 14.b4 ♕c7 15.♗b2 ♘7f6 16.♘a4 b6 17.e4 b5 18.♘c5 ♘b6 19.♗e5 ♕d8 20.♕c3 ♘bd7 21.♘×d7 ♕×d7 22.♘d4 ♘×e4 0-1

Takahashi,Michael (1738) – Keating, Robert (2185) [B06] (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♗e3 a6 5.a4 b6 6.♗c4 ♗b7 7.♘ge2 ♘d7 8.0-0 e6 9.f4 ♘gf6 10.♘g3 ♘×e4 11.♘g×e4 d5 12.♗×d5 e×d5 13.♘g3 0-0 14.f5 ♖e8 15.♗f4 c5 16.♘ce2 c×d4 17.♘×d4 ♘e5 18.♗×e5 ♗×e5 19.♕g4 h5 20.♕d1 ♗×d4+ 21.♕×d4 ♕d6 22.f×g6 f×g6 23.♖f6 ♖e6 24.♖af1 ♗c6 25.b4 ♖ae8 26.♘e4 ♕e5 27.♕×e5 ♖×e5 28.♘d6 ♖8e6 29.b5 a×b5 30.a×b5 ♗e8 31.♘×e8 ♖×e8 32.♖×g6+ ♔h7 33.♖×b6 ♖8e7 34.♖bf6 ♔g7 35.b6 d4 36.♖d6 ♖b5 37.♖×d4 ♖×b6 38.♖d2 ♖b2 39.h3 ♖c7 40.♖c1 ♔g6 41.♖e2 ♖c5 42.♔f2 ♖c3 43.♖e3 ♖b×c2+ 44.♖×c2 ♖×c2+ 45.♔f3 ♔f5 46.g4+ h×g4+ 47.h×g4+ ♔f6 48.♖e2

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Vigil,Barry (1321) – Abhyudhaya,Venkat (1832) [C77] (1)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.d3 b5 6.♗b3 ♗e7 7.♘bd2 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 ♘a5 10.a3 ♘×b3 11.♘×b3 c5 12.c3 ♗b7 13.♖e1 ♕c7 14.♗d2 c4 15.d×c4 b×c4 16.♘c1 ♘×e4 17.♗e3 f5 18.♘e2 f4 19.♗c1 ♕b6 20.♖f1 ♖ac8 21.♕a4 ♘×f2 22.♖b1 ♘d3+ 23.♔h2 e4 24.♘fd4 f3 25.g×f3 e×f3 26.♘g3 ♘×c1 27.♖b×c1 ♗g5 28.♖c2 ♗f4 29.♖g1 ♗e4 30.♖f2 d5 31.♕d7 ♖ce8 32.♔h1 ♕d6 33.♕×d6 ♗×d6 34.h4 ♖f4 35.♘df5 ♗×f5 36.♘×f5 ♖×f5 37.♖g4 ♖e2 38.♖f1 ♖×b2 39.♔g1 0-1

Willet,Joseph (1683) – Saleem,Arshaq (2132) [A48] (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♗f4 ♗g7 4.e3 0-0 5.♗d3 d6 6.0-0 ♘bd7 7.♘bd2 ♕e8 8.e4 e5 9.♗g3 ♘h5 10.d×e5 ♘×g3 11.h×g3 d×e5 12.♕e2 ♕e7 13.♖fd1 c6 14.c3 ♘c5 15.♗c2 ♗g4 16.b4 ♘e6 17.♕e3 ♖fd8 18.♘c4 f6 19.♖d2 ♖×d2 20.♘f×d2 ♘c7 21.f3 ♗e6 22.♖d1 b6 23.a4 ♖d8 24.♘b2 ♕f8 25.♘dc4 ♗h6 26.♕e2 ♕e7 27.♖d3 ♖×d3 28.♕×d3 ♕d7 29.♕e2 ♔f8 30.♘d3 ♔e8 31.♔f2 ♔d8 32.♕e1 ♔c8 33.♘e3 ♗g8 34.f4 e×f4 35.g×f4 ♕e6 36.♕h1 ♗f8 37.g4 ♕a2 38.♘c1 ♕b2 39.♘e2 c5 40.b5 c4 41.♕b1 ♕×b1 42.♗×b1 a6 43.b×a6 ♘×a6 44.♗a2 ♘c5 45.♔f3 ♘b3 46.♘d5 ♗×d5 47.e×d5 ♔c7 48.♘g3 ♗g7 49.f5 ♔d6 50.♔f4 ♔c5 51.♘e2 ♘d2 52.♔e3 ♗h6+ 53.♘f4 ♗×f4+ 54.♔×f4 ♔×d5 55.♔e3 ♘b3 56.♗b1 g5 57.♗e4+ ♔e5 58.♗c6 ♘c5 59.♗e8 ♘e4 60.♗f7 ♘×c3 61.♗×c4 ♘×a4 62.♗g8 h6 63.♗c4 ♘c5 64.♗e2 ♘e4 65.♗d3 ♘d6 66.♔f3 ♔d4 67.♔e2 b5 68.♔d2 b4 69.♗c2 ♘c4+ 70.♔c1 ♔c3 0-1

Chen,Nathan (1539) – Takahashi, Michael (1738) [C06] (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7 4.♘gf3 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♗d3 c5 7.c3 ♘c6 8.0-0 g5 9.d×c5 g4 10.♘d4 ♘d×e5 11.♗c2 ♗d7 12.f4 g×f3 13.♘2×f3 h5 14.♗f4 ♘g4 15.h3 ♘f6 16.♘b5 ♗×c5+ 17.♔h1 ♖c8 18.♘fd4 ♗×d4 19.♘×d4 ♘e4 20.♗×e4 d×e4 21.♘b5 ♔f8 22.♕e1 f5 23.♗d6+ ♔g7 24.♕g3+ ♔h7 25.♖ad1 ♖g8 26.♕f2 a6 27.♘d4 ♘×d4 28.♖×d4 ♗c6 29.♕e2 ♕e8 30.♖f4 e3 31.♖h4 ♖×g2 32.♕×h5+ ♕×h5 33.♖×h5+ ♔g6 34.♖hh4 e2 0-1

Blokhin,Ilya (1818) – Linscott,John (1854) [D11] (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♕c2 ♗g4 5.♘e5 ♗h5 6.g3 d×c4 7.♕×c4 ♘bd7 8.♗g2 e6 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.♘c3 0-0 11.♗g5 ♘d5 12.♗×e7 ♕×e7 13.♘×d7 ♕×d7 14.e3 ♖ac8 15.♘e4 ♖fd8 16.♘c5 ♕e7 17.♖fc1

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Keating,Robert (2185) − Trine,Jeb (1110) [B90] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘c6 7.f3 g6 8.♕d2 e5 9.♘b3 ♗e6 10.0-0-0 a5 11.♕f2 a4 12.♘c5 a3 13.b3 ♕c8 14.♘5a4 ♘d7 15.♔b1 ♕b8 16.♗c1 ♘d4 17.♖×d4 e×d4 18.♕×d4 f6 19.♗b5 ♔e7 20.♗×d7 ♗×d7 21.♘d5+ ♔d8 22.♕×f6+ ♔e8 23.♘ab6 1-0

Knapp,Joseph (2031) − Scharosch, Austin (1722) [D93] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗f4 ♗g7 5.e3 c5 6.♘f3 0□ 0 7.♖c1 ♕a5 8.♘d2 c×d4 9.♘b3 ♕b6 10.c5 ♕d8 11.♘×d4 ♘h5 12.♗g5 ♘c6 13.♗e2 ♘f6 14.0□ 0 e5 15.♘db5 b6 16.♗×f6 ♗×f6 17.♕×d5 ♕×d5 18.♘×d5 1-0

Le,Harry (1469) − Reynolds,Robert (2064) [B01] (2)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.d4 ♗g4 4.♘f3 ♕×d5 5.♘c3 ♕h5 6.♗e2 ♘c6 7.♗f4 0-0-0 8.♗e3 e5 9.h3 e×d4 10.♘×d4 ♗×e2 11.♘c×e2 ♘×d4 12.♘×d4 ♕a5+ 13.♗d2 ♕e5+ 14.♘e2 ♘e4 15.♕c1 ♘×d2 16.a4 ♗b4 17.c3 ♖he8 18.♕d1 ♘f3+ 19.g×f3 ♖×d1+ 20.♔×d1 ♕×e2+ 21.♔c1 ♕×f2 22.♔b1 ♖e2 23.♖a2 ♗×c3 24.♖c1 ♖×b2+ 25.♖×b2 ♕×b2# 0-1

Parthasarathy,Madhav (1543) − Willett, Joseph (1683) [B78] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 g6 7.f3 ♗g7 8.♗c4 0-0 9.♗b3 ♗d7 10.♕d2 ♘c6 11.0-0-0 ♘a5 12.h4 ♘×b3+ 13.a×b3 ♕c7 14.g4 ♕a5 15.♔b1 ♖ac8 16.♖dg1 h5 17.g×h5 ♘×h5 18.f4 e5 19.♘de2 e×f4 20.♘×f4 ♖×c3 21.♘×h5 ♕×h5 22.b×c3 ♕a5 23.♗d4 ♗×d4 24.♕×d4 ♕h5 25.♕e3 ♗g4 26.♕f4 ♖e8 27.♕×g4 1-0

Rao,Patrick (1831) − Neal II,James (2168) [C06] (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7 4.♘gf3 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♗d3 c5 7.c3 ♘c6 8.♗c2 f6 9.e×f6 ♗×f6 10.♘b3 b6 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖e1 e5 13.d×e5 ♘d×e5 14.♘×e5 ♘×e5 15.♗f4 ♘c4 16.♕h5 g6 17.♕e2 ♘×b2 18.♗×g6 h×g6 19.♕×b2 ♗×c3 20.♕×c3 ♖×f4 21.♕e3 ♕f6 22.♖ac1 ♗e6 23.♕g3 ♗f7 24.♘d2 ♖f8 25.♘f3 d4 26.♘g5 ♗×a2 27.♕h3 ♕h8 28.♕d7 ♖×f2 29.♖e8 ♕g7 30.♖e7 ♕f6 31.♘f3 ♖×g2+ 32.♔×g2 ♕×f3+ 33.♔g1 ♕f6 34.♖ce1 ♕g5+ 35.♔h1 ♗d5+ 36.♖1e4 ♗×e4+ 0-1

Saleem,Arshaq (2132) − Abhyudhaya, Venkat (1823) [D85] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.e4 ♘×c3 6.b×c3 ♗g7 7.♘f3 c5 8.♗e3 0-0 9.♕d2 ♘c6 10.♖c1 ♗g4 11.d5 ♗×f3 12.g×f3 ♘e5 13.♗e2 ♘d7 14.h4 ♕b6 15.h5 f5 16.f4 f×e4 17.♗g4 ♖f5 18.♗×f5 g×f5 19.♖g1 ♕h6 20.♖g5 ♖f8 21.♔e2 ♕a6+ 22.c4 ♔h8 23.♕c2 ♗h6 24.♕c3+ ♕f6 25.♖×f5 ♕×c3 26.♖×f8+ ♘×f8 27.♖×c3 b6 28.♖a3 a5 29.f5 ♗g7 30.♗g5 ♗f6 31.♗×f6+ e×f6 32.♔e3 ♔g7 33.♔×e4 ♔f7 34.d6 ♘d7 35.f4 1-0

Xu,Arthur (1745) − Mills,Michael (1588) [B03] (2)
1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ♘b6 5.f4 g6 6.♘f3 ♗g4 7.♘c3 ♗g7 8.♗d3 0-0 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.0-0 ♘b4 11.♗e2 d×e5 12.f×e5 c6 13.a3 ♗×f3 14.♖×f3 ♘a6 15.c5 ♘d5 16.♘×d5 c×d5 17.♗×a6 b×a6 18.♕a4 ♕c8 19.♗d2 ♕e6 20.c6 ♖ac8 21.♖c1 ♕g4 22.h3 ♕e4 23.♖e1 ♕h4 24.♗e3 ♕×e1+ 25.♔h2 ♕e2 26.♕b4 ♖×c6 27.♕×e7 ♕×b2 28.♖g3 ♕b6 29.h4 ♕d8 30.♕×a7 ♕×h4+ 31.♖h3 ♕e4 32.♗g5 ♖c2 33.♖g3 ♖fc8 34.♕b6 h6 35.♗e7 h5 36.♕×a6 h4 37.♖f3 ♕×f3 38.♕×c8+ ♖×c8 39.g×f3 ♗f8 40.♗×h4 ♗×a3 41.♔g2 ♗b2 42.♗f2 ♖c4 43.f4 ♗×d4 44.♗×d4 ♖×d4 45.♔f3 ♖e4 46.♔g4 ♔h7 47.♔f3 ♔h6 48.♔g3 ♔h5 49.♔f3 ♔h4 50.♔f2 ♔g4 51.♔g2 ♖×f4 52.♔h2 d4 53.♔g2 d3 54.♔h2 ♖f2+ 55.♔h1 ♔g3 56.♔g1 d2 57.e6 d1♕# 0-1

Abhyudhaya,Venkat (1823) − Parthasarathy, Madhav (1543) [B77] (3)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 g6 5.♘c3 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 0-0 8.♗b3 d6 9.♕d2 ♗d7 10.f3 ♘×d4 11.♗×d4 ♗c6 12.0-0-0 ♘d7 13.♗×g7 ♔×g7 14.h4 h6 15.♘e2 ♘c5 16.♘d4 ♘×b3+ 17.♘×b3 a5 18.♘d4 ♖c8 19.h5 g5 20.♘f5+ ♔h7 21.♕d4 f6 22.♕d3 ♕e8 23.e5 ♗b5 24.♕e4 ♗c6 25.♕e3 ♗b5 26.♕e4 ♗c6 27.♕d3 ½-½

Dutiel,Tony (1840) − Chen,Nathan (1539) [C01] (3)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.c4 c6

5.♘c3 ♗f5 6.c×d5 c×d5 7.♕b3 ♕d7 8.♕×d5 ♘f6 9.♕×d7+ ♘b×d7 10.♗e3 ♗b4 11.a3 ♗×c3+ 12.b×c3 0-0 13.♘f3 ♖fe8 14.♗b5 ♖e7 15.0-0 ♘b6 16.♗g5 a6 17.♘h4 ♗c2 18.♖fc1 a×b5 19.♗×f6 g×f6 20.♖×c2 ♖×a3 21.♖ac1 ♘d5 22.♔f1 ♖c7 23.c4
½-½

Neal II,James (2168) – Saleem,Arshaq (2132) [E61] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♗f4 ♗g7 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.♗e2 ♘bd7 7.0-0 b6 8.c4 ♗b7 9.♘c3 ♘e4 10.♘×e4 ♗×e4 11.♗h2 ♗b7 12.♖c1 e5 13.d5 a5 14.b3 ♕e7 15.a3 f5 16.♕c2 ♖a7 17.♔h1 ♘c5 18.♘d2
½-½

Rao,Patrick (1835) – Keating,Robert (2185) [B06] (3)
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.♘c3 a6 5.♗e2 b5 6.0-0 ♗b7 7.a3 ♘d7 8.♗e3 c5 9.d5 ♘gf6 10.♗d3 0-0 11.♘d2 ♕c7 12.f4 ♖ae8 13.♘f3 ♘g4 14.♗d2 c4 15.♗e2 ♕c5+ 16.♔h1 ♘f2+ 17.♖×f2 ♕×f2 18.♗e1 ♕e3 19.♗d2 ♕c5 20.♕c1 ♘f6 21.♗e3 ♕c7 22.♕d2 e6 23.d×e6 f×e6 24.e5 d×e5 25.♘×e5 ♖d8 26.♕e1 ♘d5 27.♘×d5 ♗×d5 28.♕g3 ♗e4 29.c3 ♖d5 30.♗g4 ♗f5 31.♗f3 ♖×e5 32.f×e5 ♗×e5 33.♕h4 ♗f6 34.♕f2 ♗e7 35.♕e1 ♗d6 36.♗h6 ♖e8 37.h3 ♗f4 38.♗×f4 ♕×f4 39.♗c6 ♖d8 40.♖d1 ♖d6 41.♗f3 ♗d3 42.♕f2 ♔g7 43.♖e1 e5 44.♕c5 e4 45.♗g4 ♖f6 46.♕d4 ♕f2 47.♕×f2 ♖×f2 48.♔h2 ♔f6 49.♗c8 a5 50.♗a6 ♖×b2 51.♔g3 ♔e5 52.♖e3 g5 53.♔h2 h5 54.♗c8 ♔f4 55.♖g3 ♗e2 56.♗d7 h4 57.♖g4+ ♗×g4 58.♗×g4 ♖b3 59.♗d7 e3 60.♗g4 ♖×c3 61.♔g1 ♖c1+ 62.♔h2 c3 63.♗e2 c2 64.♗d3 ♖h1+ 65.♔×h1 c1♕+ 66.♔h2 b4 67.a×b4 a×b4 68.♗b5 b3 69.♗e2 b2 70.♗d3 ♕d2 71.♗b1 e2 72.♗d3 ♕×d3 73.♔g1 ♕g3 74.♔h1 e1♖# 0-1

Reynolds,Robert (2063) – Mills,Michael (1588) [D06] (3)
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.c×d5 ♘×d5 4.♘f3 e6 5.e4 ♘b6 6.d4 g6 7.♗g5 ♗e7 8.h4 h5 9.e5 c6 10.♘e4 ♗×g5 11.♘d6+ ♕×d6 12.e×d6 ♗f4 13.♘e5 ♘8d7 14.♕f3 ♗×e5 15.d×e5 ♘×e5 16.♕f6 1-0

Scharosch,Austin (1721) – Vigil,Barry (1321) [D46] (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 e6 4.♘c3 d5 5.e3 ♘bd7 6.♗d3 b6 7.♕c2 g6 8.c×d5 e×d5 9.0-0 ♗g7 10.b3 ♗b7 11.♗a3 b5 12.♗×b5 c×b5 13.♘×b5 ♖c8 14.♘d6+ ♔e7 15.♘×b7+ ♔e6 16.♘g5# 1-0

Takahashi,Michael (1738) – Blokhin,Ilya (1818) [B12] (3)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.♗d3 ♗×d3 6.♕×d3 e6 7.♗g5 ♕b6 8.b3 ♘d7 9.♘f3 c5 10.c3 c×d4 11.c×d4 ♗b4+ 12.♗d2 ♘e7 13.a3 ♗×d2+ 14.♘b×d2 ♖c8 15.0-0 ♘f5 16.♖ac1 0-0 17.b4 ♕d8 18.♖×c8 ♕×c8 19.♘b3 ♘b6 20.♖c1 ♕d7 21.♘c5 ♕e7 22.g3 ♘c4 23.♕b3 ♖c8 24.♘d3 ♖c6 25.♖d1 ♕c7 26.♘f4 ♘b6 27.♘g5 g6 28.♕f3 ♖c3 29.♕e2 ♕c4 30.♘×h5 0-1

Trine,Jeb (1110) – Linscott,John (1854) [C68] (3)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗×c6 d×c6 5.0-0 ♗g4 6.♘c3 ♗c5 7.d3 f6 8.♖e1 ♕d7 9.♘a4 ♗a7 10.♗e3 ♗×e3 11.♖×e3 b6 12.♕d2 ♘e7 13.♘c3 c5 14.♘h4 ♗e6 15.♕e2 h5 16.♘f3 g5 17.♘d2 ♘c6 18.♕f3 ♕e7 19.♘d5 ♗×d5 20.e×d5 ♘d4 21.♕d1 g4 22.f4 g×f3 23.♘×f3 ♘f5 24.♖e4 ♕d7 25.c4 0-0-0 26.a4 a5 27.♕c2 h4 28.♔f2 ♖dg8 29.♖g1 ♘d6 30.♖×h4 ♖×h4 31.♘×h4 ♕g4 32.g3 ♕d4+ 33.♔g2 ♕×h4 34.♔h1 ♕d4 35.♕d2 ♘×c4 36.♕h6 ♕×d5+ 37.♖g2 ♕×d3 38.♕×f6 ♕d5 39.♕f5+ ♔b7 40.b3 ♘e3 0-1

Knapp,Joseph (2015) – Blokhin,Ilya (1818) [B12] (4)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6 6.♘c3 ♘e7 7.♗g5 ♕c7 8.♖c1 d×c4 9.♗×c4 ♘d7 10.♘ge2 ♘b6 11.♗b3 ♕d7 12.0-0 ♘ed5 13.♘g3 ♗g6 14.♗c2 ♘×c3 15.b×c3 ♗a3 16.♖b1 ♗×c2 17.♕×c2 ♗e7 18.♗×e7 ♕×e7 19.♘e4 ♕×h4 20.♘d6+ ♔f8 21.f4 g6 22.c4 ♖b8 23.♕d2 ♕g4 24.♕a5 h4 25.♖b2 h3 26.♕×a7 ♘d7 27.♕a3 ♔g7 28.g3 h2+ 29.♔h1 ♖h3 30.♖g2 ♖f8 31.♘×b7 g5 32.♕f3 ♕f5 33.♘d6 ♕g6 34.f5 ♕h7 35.f6+ ♔g8 36.♘e4 ♖h5 37.♖b1 ♕g6 38.♖gb2 g4 39.♘d6 g×f3 0-1

Scharosch,Austin (1722) – Dutiel,Tony (1789) [D08] (4)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.d×e5 d4 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.a3 ♘ge7 6.♘bd2 ♘g6 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♘b×d4 ♘×d4 9.♘×d4 ♘×e5 10.e3 c5 11.♘×e6 ♕×d1+ 12.♔×d1 f×e6 13.b3

♖d8+ 14.♔c2 ♗e7 15.♗b2 ♘g4 16.♗e2 0-0 17.♗×g4 ♖×f2+ 18.♔b1 ♖dd2 ½-½

Willett,Joseph (1683) − Le ,Harry (1469) [D00] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.♗×f6 e×f6 4.e3 ♗d6 5.♗d3 0-0 6.♕f3 c6 7.♘e2 ♕d7 8.0-0 ♕g4 9.♕×g4 ♗×g4 10.f3 ♗h5 11.c4 d×c4 12.♗×c4 ♖e8 13.e4 ♘d7 14.♘bc3 ♘b6 15.♗b3 ♖ad8 16.♖ad1 a6 17.d5 c×d5 18.e×d5 ♗g6 19.♖fe1 ♘d7 20.a3 ♘c5 21.♗a2 ♘d3 22.♖f1 ♗c5+ 23.♔h1 ♘f2+ 0-1

Keating,Robert (2185) − Saleem,Arshaq (2132) [B90] (4)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.f3 ♗e6 9.♕d2 0-0 10.0-0-0 a5 11.♔b1 a4 12.♘c1 a3 13.b3 ♖a5 14.g4 d5 15.g5 ♘g4 16.f×g4 d4 17.♗×d4 e×d4 18.♕×d4 ♕×d4 19.♖×d4 ♘c6 20.♖a4 ♖×a4 21.♘×a4 ♗×g4 22.♖g1 ♗f3 23.♗d3 ♘e5 24.♘c3 ♗h5 25.♘d5 ♗c5 26.♖f1 ♘f3 27.♔a1 ♘×h2 28.♖h1 ♗d6 29.♘e2 ♗g6 30.♘ef4 ♘f3 31.♔b1 ♗×e4 32.♗×e4 ♘d2+ 33.♔c1 ♘×e4 34.♘h3 ♖e8 35.♖e1 ♖e5 36.c4 ♘c3 37.♖×e5 ♗×e5 38.♘×c3 ♗×c3 39.♔c2 ♗e5 40.♔d3 f6 41.♔e4 ♔f7 42.♔d5 ♗c7 43.b4 ♔g6 44.g×f6 ♔×f6 45.♘f2 ♔f5 46.c5 g5 47.b5 g4 48.b6 ♗b8 49.♘d3 h5 50.♘b4 g3 51.♘a6 g2 52.♘×b8 g1♕ 53.c6 b×c6+ 54.♘×c6 ♕d1+ 55.♔c5 ♕d7 56.♘a5 h4 57.♘c4 ♔e6 0-1

Linscott,John (1854) − Reynolds,Robert (2063) [B01] (4)
1.e4 d5 2.e×d5 ♘f6 3.d4 ♗g4 4.♘f3 ♕×d5 5.♗e2 ♘c6 6.c3 0-0-0 7.0-0 ♕h5 8.h3 e5 9.♖e1 e×d4 10.♘×d4 ♗×e2 11.♕×e2 ♘×d4 12.♕×h5 ♘×h5 13.c×d4 ♖×d4 14.♗e3 ♖d8 15.♘c3 a6 16.♘e4 f5 17.♘g5 ♗b4 18.♖ec1 ♖de8 19.a3 ♖×e3 20.a×b4 ♖e2 21.b5 ♖d8 22.b×a6 b×a6 23.♖×a6 ♔b7 24.♖a5 g6 25.♖b5+ ♔c8 26.♖bc5 ♖d7 27.b4 ♘f4 28.♖a1 ♖b2 29.♖b5 ♖dd2 30.♖f1 ♘e2+ 31.♔h1 ♘d4 32.♖d5 ♖×b4 33.♘e6 c6 34.♖c1 ♔b7 35.♖d7+ ♔b6 36.♘d8 ♖c2 37.♖b7+ ♔c5 38.♖×c2+ ♘×c2 39.♖×h7 ♘d4 40.♖h6 ♖b8 41.♘f7 ♖g8 42.♘e5 g5 43.♔g1 ♔b5 44.♔f1 c5 45.♔e1 ♖e8 0-1

Mills,Michael (1588) − Trine,Jeb (1110) [B20] (4)
1.e4 c5 2.b4 b6 3.b×c5 b×c5 4.♘f3 d6 5.♗b2 e5 6.♘c3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 h6 8.0-0 ♗b7 9.d3 ♗e7 10.h3 0-0 11.♘e2 ♘c6 12.♘h2 ♘a5 13.♗b3 ♘×b3 14.a×b3 ♕c7 15.f4 e×f4 16.♘×f4 ♕c6 17.♘g4 ♔h7 18.♘×f6+ ♗×f6 19.♗×f6 g×f6 20.♘d5 ♕c8 21.♘×f6+ ♔h8 22.♕h5 1-0

Dutiel,Tony (1840) − Parthasarathy, Madhav (1543) [B22] (5)
1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.c×d4 d5 5.e×d5 ♕×d5 6.♘f3 ♗g4 7.♗e2 e6 8.♘c3 ♕d7 9.♗e3 ♘f6 10.h3 ♗h5 11.♘e5 ♗×e2 12.♕×e2 ♘×e5 13.d×e5 ♘d5 14.♗d2 ♗c5 15.0-0 ♘×c3 16.♗×c3 0-0 17.♖fd1 ♕c7 18.♖ac1 ♕b6 19.b4 ♗e7 20.♗d4 ♕a6 21.♕×a6 b×a6 22.♗c5 ♗×c5 23.b×c5 ♖fd8 24.♖d6 ♔f8 25.♖×a6 ♖d7 26.♖d6 ♔e8 27.♔f1 ♖c8 28.c6 ♖dc7 29.♔e2 ♔e7 30.♔e3 f6 31.f4 g5 32.g3 h6 33.♔d4 f5 34.♔c5 ♔f7 35.♖cd1 ♔e7 36.♖d7+ ♔e8 37.♖1d6 ♖×c6+ 38.♖×c6 ♔×d7 39.♖×c8 ♔×c8 40.♔d6 ♔b7 41.♔×e6 h5 42.♔×f5 1-0

Keating,Robert (2185) − Thangavel, Gokul (2003) [C11] (5)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♕b6 8.♘a4 ♕a5+ 9.c3 c4 10.b4 c×b3 11.♕×b3 a6 12.♘b2 b5 13.♗e2 ♘b6 14.0-0 ♘c4 15.♘×c4 b×c4 16.♕c2 g6 17.g4 h5 18.h3 h×g4 19.h×g4 ♗h6 20.♔g2 ♗b7 21.♖ab1 0-0-0 22.♖h1 ♔c7 23.♖×h6 ♖×h6 24.f5 ♖hh8 25.f×e6 f×e6 26.♘g5 ♖he8 27.♘f7 ♖b8 28.♘d6 ♖g8 29.♔g3 ♗c8 ½-½

Le,Harry (1469) − Chen,Nathan Shi (1539) [C01] (5)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.♘c3 c6 5.♘f3 ♗d6 6.♗d3 ♘e7 7.0-0 h6 8.♖e1 0-0 9.♗d2 ♗g4 10.h3 ♗h5 11.a3 ♘d7 12.g4 ♗g6 13.♗×g6 ♘×g6 14.♔g2 ♗f4 15.♘e2 ♗d6 16.♖c1 ♘f6 17.c4 ♘e4 18.♗e3 f5 19.g×f5 ♖×f5 20.♘g3 ♗×g3 21.f×g3 ♕d6 22.♗f2 ♖×f3 23.♕×f3 ♖f8 24.♕b3 ♖×f2+ 25.♔g1 ♖f5 26.c×d5 ♕×d5 27.♕×d5+ c×d5 28.g4 ♖f3 29.♖c8+ ♔h7 30.♖d8 ♖f2 31.♖×e4 ♖×b2 32.♖×d5 ♘h4 33.♖f4 ♖b3 34.♖h5 g5 35.♖f6 ♘g6 36.♖f7+ ♔g8 37.♖d7

♖×a3 38.♖×b7 ♖a1+ 39.♔f2 ♖a2+ 40.♔e3 ♘f4 41.♖×h6 ♘×h3 42.♖c6 ♖f2 43.♖c8+ ♖f8 44.♖×f8+ ♔×f8 45.♖×a7 ♘f4 46.♔e4 ♘e6 47.d5 ♘f4 48.♔e5 1-0

Mills,Michael (1588) – Scharosch, Austin (1722) [B19] (5)
1.e4 c6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♗d3 ♗×d3 8.♕×d3 ♕c7 9.♘f3 ♘d7 10.0-0 ♘gf6 11.♗d2 e6 12.c4 ♗d6 13.♘e4 ♘×e4 14.♕×e4 ♘f6 15.♕e2 0-0 16.c5 ♗e7 17.b4 ♘d5 18.g3 ♗f6 19.♖ad1 ♖fe8 20.♘e5 ♗×e5 21.d×e5 ♖ad8 22.a3 ♕e7 23.♕g4 ♔h8 24.♖fe1 ♖d7 25.♖e4 f5 26.e×f6 ♘×f6 27.♕g6 ♘×e4 28.♕×e4 ♖ed8 29.♕e3 ♕f6 30.♔g2 ♖d3 31.♕e2 ♕b2 32.♕×e6 ♖×d2 33.♖f1 ♕×a3 34.♕f7 ♕a2 35.♕e7 ♕d5+ 36.♔h2 ♖d1 37.♖e1 ♖×e1 38.♕×e1 ♕f3 39.h5 ♕×h5+ 40.♔g2 ♖e8 0-1

Saleem,Arshaq (2132) – Reynolds, Robert (2063) [A96] (5)
1.d4 f5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.♘c3 ♘e4 8.♕c2 ♘×c3 9.♕×c3 ♘c6 10.♖d1 ♗f6 11.♕c2 ♕e8 12.d5 ♘b4 13.♕b3 a5 14.d×e6 ♗×e6 15.♘d4 a4 16.♕×b4 ♗×d4 17.♕×b7 ♖a7 18.♕b4 c5 19.♕b6 ♖e7 20.♗g5 ♖ef7 21.e3 ♗e5 22.f4 h6 23.♗h4 ♗×c4 24.f×e5 ♕×e5 25.♕×d6 ♕×e3+ 26.♔h1 ♖e8 27.♕f4 ♕e2 28.♗f1 ♕e4+ 29.♕×e4 ♖×e4 30.♗×c4 ♖×c4 31.♗d8 ♖c2 32.♖ab1 g5 33.♖dc1 ♖d2 34.♗a5 ♖d5 35.♖d1 ♖×d1+ 36.♖×d1 f4 37.g×f4 g×f4 38.♔g2 1-0

Takahashi,Michael (1738) – Abhyudha-ya,Venkat (1823) [C50] (5)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.♘c3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.♗e3 ♗b6 8.h3 ♘a5 9.♗b3 ♘×b3 10.a×b3 c6 11.d4 e×d4 12.♗×d4 ♗×d4 13.♕×d4 c5 14.♕d3 ♕e7 15.♖fe1 ♖d8 16.♘b5 a6 17.♘c3 ♗e6 18.♘d2 ♕c7 19.♘d5 ♗×d5 20.e×d5 ♖e8 21.♘c4 b5 22.♘a5 ♖×e1+ 23.♖×e1 ♕×a5 24.♖e3 ♕a1+ 25.♔h2 ♕×b2 26.♕f5 ♔f8 27.g4 ♖e8 28.g5 ♖×e3 29.f×e3 ♘e8 30.♕×h7 ♕e5+ 31.♔g2 ♕×g5+ 32.♔f2 ♕×d5 33.♕h8+ ♔e7 0-1

Three tie for top spot in 2016 Leather Jackets Open
By IA Bill Broich

Daniel Brashaw, Dr. Robert Keating, and Rithwick Mathur each scored 4 points to tie for first place in the 2016 Leather Jackets Open held at the PCI Medical Center on March 5th & 6th. This is the 11th Leather Jackets Open. Jim Hodina has been the organizer since 2009 taking over from Wes Ferguson who moved to Wisconsin. The event included an Open and Reserve section. The Open section was FIDE rated this year for the first time and drew 25 participants.

Brashaw requested a bye for the 5th round and drew Keating in the 4th round to finish with 4 points. Keating drew with Mathur in the 3rd round on Saturday evening. Mathur and Arshaq Saleem battled to a draw in the final round of this 5 round event. Saleem finished with 3.5 points. In the last game finished of the tournament Keating out played Benjaman Darr to secure the win and a share of 1st place.

This year's event attracted 7 out of state players including 3 from Nebraska. Players from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin participated. The pre-tournament average rating was 1782. The field included 3 players who have crossed the 2200 thresh-

#	Player	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2239*	2242*	W9	W16	W5	D2	H0	4.0
2	Keating, Robert F	IA	2165*	2170*	W20	W7	D3	D1	W8	4.0
3	Mathur, Rithwik	WI	2084*	2105*	W11	W24	D2	W12	D4	4.0
4	Saleem, Arshaq	IA	2164*	2157*	D13	W22	D12	W15	D3	3.5
5	Hodina, James	IA	1959*	1950*	W18	W8	L1	D10	D11	3.0
6	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1818*	1814*	D19	D13	H0	W14	D10	3.0
7	Hartmann, John R	NE	1771*	1792*	W17	L2	D11	D9	W15	3.0
8	Darr, Benjamin J	IA	1739*	1761*	W25	L5	W17	W16	L2	3.0
9	Takahashi, Michae	IA	1742*	1760*	L1	H0	W22	D7	W17	3.0
10	Kmetz, Shawn Doug	IA	1712*	1745*	L12	W18	W24	D5	D6	3.0
11	Carson, Bethany	IA	1697*	1731*	L3	W23	D7	W21	D5	3.0
12	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2165*	2156*	W10	W21	D4	L3	U0	2.5
13	Thompson, Tony D	IA	1708*	1745*	D4	D6	H0	U0	W22	2.5
14	Ellis, James S	WI	1768*	1737*	L21	W25	D15	L6	D18	2.0
15	Blokhin, Ilya	IA	1884*	1860*	H0	W19	D14	L4	L7	2.0
16	Scharosch, Austin	IA	1767*	1763*	W23	L1	W21	L8	U0	2.0
17	Chen, Nathan	IA	1573*	1583*	L7	W20	L8	W24	L9	2.0
18	Willett, Joseph	IL	1653*	1635*	L5	L10	H0	D22	D14	1.5
19	Rector, Richard	IA	1533*	1538*	D6	L15	D23	H0	U0	1.5
20	Jetty, Milind	IA	1729*	1702*	L2	L17	B0	U0	U0	1.0
21	Mills, Michael L	NE	1602*	1603*	W14	L12	L16	L11	U0	1.0
22	Le, Harry	NE	1579*	1561*	H0	L4	L9	D18	L13	1.0
23	Kromphardt, Roger	IA	1505*	1491*	L16	L11	D19	H0	U0	1.0
24	Deyoung, Daniel A	IA	1489*	1465*	B0	L3	L10	L17	U0	1.0
25	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1505*	1488*	L8	L14	H0	U0	U0	0.5

old and 3 players with expert ratings.

The following players had notable rating gains: Tony Thompson, +37, Bethany Carson +34, Shawn Kmetz +33, Darr +22, Mathur +21 (also crossed the 2100 mark!), and John Hartmann +21. This event was the final qualifying tournament for the Iowa Closed Championship. Congratulations to all of you who competed.

Daniel Carson wins the 2016 Leather Jackets Reserve

Daniel Carson will most likely never play in a reserve section again (gained 30 rating points and ended with a 1605 rating). Mr. Carson went 4-0 in the 2016 Leather Jackets Reserve held at the PCI Medical Center on February fifth. Four players tied for 2nd place with 3-1 records, Arjun Palaniappan, Jacob Uptain, Sayothin Vongpanya, and the veteran Albert Gatton. Twenty players competed in the Reserve section.

The following players had notable rating gains: Vongpanya +148!!!, Joseph Pregon +100!, Aardash Kumur +53, Gatton +39. Congratulations to all of you who competed.

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Carson, Daniel	1575*	1605*	W16	W15	W9	W5	4.0
2	Palaniappan, Arju	1442*	1462*	L5	W17	W12	W6	3.0
3	Uptain, Jacob	1450*	1457*	W17	L5	W13	W7	3.0
4	Gatton, Albert A	1300*	1339*	W13	L6	W14	W9	3.0
5	Vongpanya, Sayoth	1247*	1395*	W2	W3	W15	L1	3.0
6	Kozich, Andrew Jo	1569*	1548*	W10	W4	D7	L2	2.5
7	Jacobs, Steve	1400*	1400*	W18	W19	D6	L3	2.5
8	Carson, Tim	1281*	1250*	L19	D18	W20	W11	2.5
9	Reedy, Edward	1329*	1317*	W12	W20	L1	L4	2.0
10	Carson, Charity	1222*	1213*	L6	L13	W17	W19	2.0
11	Vigil, Eric Golf	1197*	1181*	H0	H0	W19	L8	2.0
12	Knecht, Teresa Ph	1234*	1233*	L9	B0	L2	W16	2.0
13	Pregon, Joseph Je	1040/23	1140*	L4	W10	L3	W15	2.0
14	Thompson, Luke	840*	908*	L15	W16	L4	H0	1.5
15	Felgar, Stan	1294*	1245*	W14	L1	L5	L13	1.0
16	Ciha, Trevor Lee	1356*	1290*	L1	L14	W18	L12	1.0
17	Stumpf, Eric Karl	1200*	1162*	L3	L2	L10	W20	1.0
18	Thompson, Kian	1161*	1141*	L7	D8	L16	H0	1.0
19	Kumar, Aadarsh Da	813*	866*	W8	L7	L11	L10	1.0
20	Gururaja, Tejas K	698*	689*	B0	L9	L8	L17	1.0

Games:

Brashaw,Dan (2239) − Takahashi, Michael (1742) [E22] (1)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 ♗×c3+ 5.♕×c3 b6 6.♗g5 ♗b7 7.f3 d5 8.e3 ♘bd7 9.♗d3 ♕c8 10.♖c1 0-0 11.♘e2 h6 12.♗h4 ♕e8 13.♗g3 ♖c8 14.0-0 ♕e7 15.c5 ♘b8 16.b4 ♘e8 17.b5 b×c5 18.d×c5 c6 19.♕a5 c×b5 20.♕×a7 ♘c6 21.♕b6 b4 22.♘d4 e5 23.♘×c6 ♖×c6 24.♕×b4 ♗a6 25.♗b5 ♗×b5 26.♕×b5 ♖g6 27.♕b2 ♖e6 28.♗e1 f5 29.♗b4 ♖c6 30.♕b3 ♘f6 31.e4 ♕e6 32.e×d5 ♕×d5 33.♖fd1 ♕×b3 34.a×b3 ♖b8 35.♖c4 ♔f7 36.♖b1 ♔e6 37.♗a3 ♘d5 38.b4 ♖b5 39.♖b3 ♘f4 40.♖c2 ♘d5 41.♔f2 f4 42.g3 g5 43.♔e2 ♘e3 44.♖a2 ♘f5 45.♖d3 f×g3 46.h×g3 ♘×g3+ 47.♔d2 e4 48.f×e4 ♘×e4+ 49.♔e3 ♘f6 50.♔d4 ♖b8 51.♔c4 ♘g4 52.♗b2 ♘e5+ 53.♗×e5 ♔×e5 54.♖f3 ♔e4 55.♖aa3 1-0

Ellis,James (1768) − Mills,Michael (1602) [E94] (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 0-0 5.♘f3 d6 6.♗e2 ♘bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.♗e3 ♘g4 9.♗g5 f6 10.♗d2 f5 11.♗g5 ♘gf6 12.e×f5 g×f5 13.d×e5 d×e5 14.♕d2 ♕e7 15.♖ad1 ♘c5 16.♗×f6 ♗×f6 17.♕d5+ ♘e6 18.♘×e5 c6 19.♕d6 ♘f4 20.♘d7 ♘×e2+ 21.♘×e2 ♗×d7 22.♖fe1 ♖ad8 23.♘f4 ♕f7 24.♕c7 ♗e8 25.♘e6 ♕×e6 0-1

Hartmann,John R (1771) − Chen,Nathan (1573) [E35] (1)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 ♘f6 5.c×d5 e×d5 6.♗f4 c6 7.e3 0-0 8.♗d3 ♗e6 9.♘f3 ♘bd7 10.h3 ♖e8 11.0-0 ♗×c3 12.♕×c3 ♘e4 13.♕c2 ♘ef6 14.b4 a6 15.a4 ♖c8 16.♘g5 h6 17.♘×e6 ♖×e6 18.♖fc1 ♖e8 19.♕b3 ♕e7 20.♖c2 ♖ed8 21.♖ac1 ♘b6 22.b5 a×b5 23.a×b5 c×b5 24.♗c7 ♘c4 25.♗×d8 ♖×d8 26.♕×b5 ♘a3 27.♕c5 ♕×c5 28.♖×c5 ♘c4 29.♗×c4 d×c4 30.♖5×c4 1-0

Jetty,Milind (1729) − Keating,Robert F (2165) [A04] (1)

1.♘f3 g6 2.g3 ♗g7 3.♗g2 c5 4.d4 c×d4 5.♘×d4 ♘c6 6.♘×c6 b×c6 7.♘c3 ♖b8 8.0-0 ♕a5 9.a4 ♗×c3 10.b×c3 ♕×c3 11.♗e3 ♕a5 12.♕d2 ♕×d2 13.♗×d2 ♘f6 14.♖ab1 ♖×b1 15.♖×b1 0-0 16.♗b4 d6 17.♗×c6 ♗f5 18.♖b2 ♖c8 19.♗b5 ♖×c2 20.♖×c2 ♗×c2 21.♔f1 ♘e4 22.f3 ♘c5 23.a5 ♗b3 24.♔e1 ♗d5 25.♔d2 ♘e6 26.♔d3 ♘c7 27.♗a4 ♗b7 28.♗b3 ♔f8 29.♗a4 ♗a6+ 30.♔d2 ♗b5 31.♗×b5 ♘×b5 32.♔d3 a6 33.♔c4 ♔e8 34.e4 ♔d7 35.f4 ♔c6 36.♔d3 ♘c7 37.♔c4 e6 38.e5 d5+ 39.♔c3 ♘b5+ 40.♔d3 ♘a7 41.g4 ♔b5 42.♗c3 ♘c6 43.h3 ♘×a5 44.h4 ♘c6 45.♗b2 ♔c5 46.♗a3+ ♘b4+ 47.♔c3 a5 48.♗b2 a4 49.♗a3 d4+ 50.♔d2 ♔c4 51.♗c1 ♘d3 52.♗a3 ♘×f4 0-1

Thompson,Tony (1708) − Saleem, Arshaq (2164) [D02] (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.♘bd2 d5 4.b4 ♗g7 5.e3 0-0 6.c4 a5 7.b5 c5 8.b×c6 ♘×c6 9.♗a3 ♖e8 10.♗e2 e5 11.d×e5 ♘×e5 12.♘×e5 ♖×e5 13.♗b2 ♖e8 14.0-0 ♗e6 15.c×d5 ♘×d5 16.♗×g7 ♔×g7 17.♖c1 ♕e7 18.♕b3 ♘b4 19.♕b2+ ♕f6 20.♕×f6+ ♔×f6 21.a3 ♘d5 22.♘e4+ ♔e7 23.♘c5 ♖ab8 24.♘×e6 f×e6 25.e4 ♘f4 26.♗b5 ♖ec8 27.g3 ♘h3+ 28.♔g2 ♘g5 29.e5 ♘e4 30.♖fd1 ♘c5 31.f4 b6 32.♖d6 ♖c7 33.♖cd1 ♖bb7 34.♗c6 ♖b8 35.♗b5 ♖bb7 36.♗c6 ♖b8 37.♗b5 ½-½

Willet,Joseph (1653) − Hodina,James (1959) [A46] (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.♗f4 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.e3 b6 6.♗d3 ♗b7 7.♘bd2 d6 8.♕e2 ♗e7 9.0-0 ♘h5 10.♗g3 ♘×g3 11.h×g3 ♗f6 12.♘e4 0-0 13.♖ad1 g6 14.♘×f6+ ♕×f6 15.♗e4 ♖ad8 16.♖d2 d5 17.♗c2 e5 18.d×e5 ♘×e5 19.♘×e5 ♕×e5 20.♖fd1 ♖d6 21.e4 ♖e6 22.f3 ♕×g3 23.♗b3 c4 24.♗c2 ♖fe8 25.♖×d5 ♗×d5 26.♖×d5 ♖e5 27.♖d7 ♖h5 28.♕×c4 ♕e1+ 0-1

Chen,Nathan (1573) − Jetty,Milind (1729) [B07] (2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.f3 g6 4.♗e3 ♗g7 5.♘c3 0-0 6.♕d2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♘ge2 ♘a6 9.g4 b6 10.♘g3 ♘c5 11.h4 ♕e7 12.h5 ♗a6 13.♗×a6 ♖×a6 14.♕h2 ♗h8 15.♖g1 ♖d8 16.♗g5 ♖d7 17.♕h4 ♗g7 18.h6 ♗h8 19.♖g2 ♖d8 20.♘b5 ♖c8 21.0 0-0 ♘cd7 22.♖dg1 ♖aa8 23.♕h3 ♔f8 24.♖f2 ♕e8 25.♕h4 ♘g8 26.♖gf1 ♗f6 27.f4 ♗e7 28.f5 ♗×g5+ 29.♕×g5 ♘e7 30.♘h5 ♔g8 31.♘f6+ ♘×f6 32.♕×f6 ♕f8 33.f×g6 f×g6 34.♕e6+ ♔h8 35.♖×f8+ ♖×f8 36.♖×f8+ ♖×f8 37.♕×e7 1-0

DeYoung,Dan (1489) − Mathur,Rithwik (2084) [B23] (2)
1.e4 c5 2.♘e2 d6 3.♘bc3 ♘f6 4.d3 ♘c6 5.h3 g6 6.f4 e6 7.g4 ♘d7 8.♗e3 ♗g7 9.♗g2 a6 10.♘g3 ♕b6 11.♖b1 ♕c7 12.♕d2 b5 13.♘ce2 ♗b7 14.c3 ♘b6 15.h4 ♘e7 16.h5 f5 17.g5 ♘d7 18.b4 ♖c8 19.0-0 0-0 20.d4 c×d4 21.♘×d4 ♗×d4 22.♕×d4 ♕×c3 23.h×g6 h×g6 24.♔f2 ♕×d4 25.♗×d4 f×e4 26.♘e2 e5 27.♗e3 e×f4 28.♘×f4 ♘e5 29.♔e2 ♘f5 30.♗f2 ♖c2+ 31.♔d1 ♖fc8 32.♗h3 ♘f3 33.♗e1 0-1

Keating,Robert F (2165) − Hartmann, John R (1771) [C10] (2)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.e5 ♘e4 7.♗d2 0-0 8.♗d3 ♘×d2 9.♕×d2 ♘b4 10.♘e2 ♘×d3+ 11.♕×d3 c5 12.c3 ♗d7 13.0-0 ♕b6 14.d×c5 ♕×c5 15.♘ed4 b5 16.♖fd1 ♖fc8 17.♖ac1 b4 18.♘b3 ♕b6 19.c4 d×c4 20.♕×d7 ♖c7 21.♕d4 c×b3 22.♕×b6 ♖×c1 23.♕d4 ♗c5 24.♕d3 ♖×d1+ 25.♕×d1 b×a2 26.b3 a5 27.♕a1 ♖d8 28.♔f1 a4 29.♕×a2 a3 30.♔e2 ♖d5 31.g3 h6 32.♕c2 ♗b6 33.♔f1 ♖c5 34.♕a2 ♖d5 35.♘d2 ♖d8 36.♘c4 ♗c5 37.♔e2 ♖d4 38.f3 ♖d8 39.♕c2 ♖a8 40.♕a2 ♖d8 41.f4 ♖a8 42.h3 ♗d4 43.♔d3 ♖d8 44.♘d6 ♗b2 45.♔c4 ♗c3 46.♔c5 ♖b8 47.♔c6 ♗b2 48.♔c7 ♖a8 49.♔b7 ♖d8 50.♔c7 ♖a8 51.♘c4 ♗c3 52.♔b7 ♖d8 53.♘×a3 ♖d7+ 54.♔c6 ♖a7 55.♕c2 ♖×a3 56.g4 ♖a8 57.♕e4 ♖a3 58.♕c4 ♖a1 59.♕e2 ♖a3 60.♕c2 ♖a1 61.♔c5 ♖a5+ 62.♔c4 ♖d5 63.♕e4 ♖a5 64.h4 ♖a1 65.♕c6 ♖a7 66.♔d3 g6 67.♕d6 ♖a3 68.♕d8+ ♔g7 69.♕f6+ ♔h7 1-0

Peralta,Luis M (1818) − Thompson,Tony D (1708) [A41] (2)
1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 f5 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.♗×f6 ♗×f6 7.e4 0-0 8.♗d3 f×e4 9.♗×e4 g6 10.h3 ♘d7 11.b4 ♗g7 12.♘ge2 ♘f6 13.♕d3 ♗d7 14.0-0 ♘h5 15.g4 ♘f4 16.♘×f4 ♖×f4 17.♘e2 ♖f8 18.a4 a5 19.b5 b6 20.♖a2 ♗h6 21.♕g3 ♗f4 22.♘×f4 ♖×f4 23.f3 ½-½

Saleem,Arshaq (2164) − Le,Harry (1579) [D85] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.♘c3 d5 5.c×d5 ♘×d5 6.e4 ♘×c3 7.b×c3 0-0 8.♗e2 c5 9.0-0 ♘c6 10.♗e3 ♗d7 11.d5 ♘e5 12.♘×e5 ♗×e5 13.♕d2 ♖e8 14.f4 ♗g7 15.♖ab1 b6 16.c4 ♕c7 17.e5 ♗f5 18.♗d3 ♗×d3 19.♕×d3 ♖ed8 20.♕a3 ♖e8 21.♕a4 ♖ad8 22.♖b3 ♕d7 23.♕×d7 ♖×d7 24.♗d2 ♖b8 25.♖fb1 ♖bd8 26.a4 g5 27.g3 h5 28.a5 b×a5 29.♗×a5 ♖e8 30.♖b8 ♖×b8 31.♖×b8+ ♔h7 32.♖b5 g×f4 33.g×f4 ♗h6 34.♗d2 ♖c7 35.♔f2 ♔g6 36.♔f3 ♔f5 37.♖b8 f6 38.e6 a6 39.♗a5 ♗×f4 40.♗×c7 ♗×c7 41.♖b7 ♗d6 42.♖b6 ♗×h2 43.♖×a6 ♗d6 44.♖×d6 ♔e5 45.♖d7 h4 46.♖×e7 f5 47.♖d7 ♔f6 48.♖f7+ ♔e5 49.e7 ♔d6 50.e8♕ h3 51.♖d7# 1-0

Scharosch,Austin (1767) − Brashaw, Dan (2239) [E70] (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘ge2 0-0 6.♘g3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.h4 h6 9.h5 g5 10.♗×g5 h×g5 11.h6 ♗h8 12.h7+ ♔g7 13.♘h5+ ♘×h5 14.♕×h5 ♕f6 15.0-0-0 ♕g6 16.♕h2 ♘a6 17.♖d3 ♔f6 18.♖g3 ♔e7 19.♗e2 ♘c5 20.♗g4 ♗×g4 21.♖×g4 ♘d3+ 22.♔b1 ♘×f2 0-1

Hartmann,John R (1771) − Carson, Bethany (1697) [D78] (3)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 g6 5.g3 ♗g7 6.♗g2 0-0 7.0-0 d×c4 8.a4 ♗e6 9.e4 ♘bd7 10.♘g5 ♗g4 11.f3 h6 12.f×g4 h×g5 13.♗×g5 ♘b6 14.a5 ♘c8 15.♗e3 ♘d7 16.♕e2 e5 17.♕×c4 e×d4 18.♗×d4 ♘e5 19.♗×e5 ♗×e5 20.♖fd1 ♕g5 21.♕e2 ♘d6 22.♗f3 ♕f6 23.♖ac1 ♖fe8 24.♔g2 ½-½

Mathur,Rithwik (2084) − Keating,Robert F (2165) [A41] (3)
1.d4 g6 2.♗f4 d6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.e3 c5 5.c3 ♘d7 6.♗g3 b6 7.♘bd2 ♗b7 8.♗d3 ♘gf6 9.♕e2 0-0 10.0-0 ♖e8 11.♖fe1 ♕c7 12.e4 ♘h5 13.a4 ♘×g3 14.h×g3 ♖ad8 15.a5 e6 16.a×b6 a×b6 17.♖a7 ♖a8 18.♖ea1 ♖×a7 19.♖×a7 ♖a8 20.♖×a8+ ♗×a8 21.♗b5 ♘f6 22.♕d3 d5 23.e5 ♘e4 24.♕b1 ♗h6 25.♕d1 ♘×d2 26.♘×d2 c×d4 27.c×d4 ♗c6 28.♕c2 ♗×d2 29.♗×c6 ♗b4 30.♕a4 ♕e7 31.f4 ♗a5 32.♔f2 h5 33.♔e2 ♔f8 34.♕a3 ♕×a3 35.b×a3 ♗c3 36.♔e3 ♗b2 37.a4 ♗c1+ 38.♔f3 ♔e7 39.♗b5 ♗d2 40.♗d3 ♗e1 41.♗b5 f6 42.♗d3 ♔f7 43.e×f6 ♔×f6 44.♗b5 ♗c3 45.♔e3 ♗e1

Brashaw,Dan (2239) − Hodina,James (1959) [B40] (3)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 e6 4.g3 d5 5.d3 ♘f6 6.e×d5 e×d5 7.♗g2 ♗g4 8.0-0 ♕d7 9.♕e1+ ♗e7 10.♘e5 ♘×e5 11.♕×e5 ♗e6 12.♗f4 0-0 13.♖fe1 ♖fe8 14.♕c7 ♖ad8 15.a4 ♕×c7 16.♗×c7 ♖d7 17.♗e5 ♔f8 18.h3 d4 19.♘b5 ♖c8 20.♘×a7 ♖cd8 21.g4 ♘d5 22.♖e2 ♘b4 23.b3 ♘d5 24.♘b5 ♗g5 25.♗×d5 ♗×d5 26.♗c7 ♖c8 27.♗d6+ ♗e7 28.♖×e7 ♖×e7 29.♖e1 1-0

Keating,Robert F (2165) − Brashaw,Dan (2239) [B90] (4)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♕d2 ♗e6 9.f3 ♘bd7 10.g4 0-0 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g5 ♘h5 13.♔b1 ♘b6 14.♘a5 ♕c7 15.♘d5 ♘×d5 16.e×d5 ♗f5 17.♘c6 ♖fc8
½-½

Kmetz,Shawn (1712) − Hodina,James (1959) [A39] (4)
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 c5 5.0-0 c×d4 6.♘×d4 0-0 7.c4 ♘c6 8.♘c3 ♘×d4 9.♕×d4 d6 10.♕d3 ♖b8 11.♗d2 b6 12.♘b5 ♕d7 13.♖fd1 ♗b7 14.♗c3 ♗×g2 15.♔×g2 ♕b7+ 16.f3 ♖fd8 17.e4 a6 18.♘a3 ♘d7 19.♗×g7 ♔×g7 20.♘c2 b5 21.♘e3 ♔g8 22.c×b5 ♕×b5 23.♕×b5 ♖×b5 24.♖d2 ♖c8 25.♘d5 ♔f8 26.f4 ♘b6
½-½

Mathur,Rithwik (2084) − Neal,James (2165) [A45] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 c5 3.e3 ♕b6 4.♘c3 d6 5.♖b1 g6 6.♘f3 ♗g7 7.h3 0-0 8.♗e2 c×d4 9.e×d4 a6 10.0-0 ♕c7 11.♗d3 b5 12.♖e1 ♗b7 13.♘e4 ♘bd7 14.♘×f6+ ♘×f6 15.c3 ♗d5 16.♖c1 ♕b7 17.b3 ♘h5 18.♗e3 e5 19.♗e2 h6 20.♕d2 ♔h7 21.c4 ♗c6 22.d5 ♗d7 23.♕b4 ♖fd8 24.♕×d6 e4 25.♘d4 ♗f8 26.♕h2 ♘f6 27.♕f4 ♗g7 28.♕h4 ♗e8 29.g4 ♘×d5 30.c×d5 ♖×d5 31.♘c2 g5 32.♕g3 ♕e7 33.♖ed1 ♖ad8 34.♗b6 ♖×d1+ 35.♖×d1 ♖×d1+ 36.♗×d1 ♕d7 37.♘e3 ♕d2 38.♗c2 ♔g8 39.♕b8 ♕d7 40.♗×e4 ♗f8 41.♘d5 ♔h8 42.♗d4+ 1-0

Saleem,Arshaq (2164) − Blokhin,Ilya (1884) [E33] (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 ♘c6 5.♘f3 d6 6.♗d2 0-0 7.a3 ♗×c3 8.♗×c3 ♕e7 9.e3 e5 10.d5 ♘b8 11.♘d2 ♘bd7 12.♗e2 a5 13.b4 a×b4 14.a×b4 ♖×a1+ 15.♗×a1 ♘b6 16.e4 ♗d7 17.c5 ♖a8 18.0-0 ♘a4 19.♘b3 b6 20.c6 ♗c8 21.f3 ♗a6 22.b5 ♗c8 23.♕a2 ♘h5 24.♕d2 ♘f4 25.♗c4 ♕g5 26.♔h1 ♘c5 27.♘×c5 b×c5 28.g3 ♘h3 29.♕×g5 ♘×g5 30.♗b2 ♖a4 31.♖a1 ♖×a1+ 32.♗×a1 ♘×f3 33.♗c3 ♘d4 34.♗a5 ♗g4 35.♗×c7 ♗f3+ 36.♔g1 ♗×e4 37.b6 ♘×c6 38.b7 ♘b8 39.♗×b8 ♗×d5 1-0

Takahashi,Michael (1742) − Hartmann, John R (1771) [C06] (4)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘e2 c×d4 8.c×d4 f6 9.e×f6 ♘×f6 10.♘f3 ♗d6 11.♗f4 ♗×f4 12.♘×f4 ♕a5+ 13.♕d2 ♕×d2+ 14.♔×d2 0-0 15.g3 ♗d7 16.♖he1 ♖ae8 17.h3 ♘×d4 18.♘×d4 e5 19.♘de6 ♗×e6 20.♖×e5 ♗d7 21.♖ae1 ♖×e5 22.♖×e5 ♔f7
½-½

Blokhin,Ilya (1884) − Hartmann,John R (1771) [E60] (5)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0 5.♘c3 c5 6.♘f3 c×d4 7.♘×d4 ♕c7 8.♕d3 ♘c6 9.♘×c6 d×c6 10.0-0 ♖d8 11.♕c2 ♗e6 12.♗f4 ♕a5 13.♗d2 ♕c5 14.b3 ♕h5 15.f3 ♕c5+ 16.♔h1 b5 17.♖ad1 b×c4 18.♘a4 ♕b5 19.b4 ♘d5 20.a3 ♖ac8 21.♘c5 ♗d7 22.e4 c3 23.♗g5 h6 24.♗×h6 ♗×h6 25.e×d5 ♗f5 26.♕b3 c2 27.♖de1 c1♕ 28.♖×c1 ♗×c1 29.♖×c1 ♖×d5 30.a4 ♕e2 31.♗f1 ♕f2 32.♗g2 ♖d2 33.♖g1 ♗h3 0-1

Saleem,Arshaq (2164) − Mathur,Rithwik (2084) [E94] (5)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 0-0 6.♗e2 ♘a6 7.0-0 e5 8.♗e3 ♘g4 9.♗g5 ♕e8 10.c5 e×d4 11.♘d5 ♗e6 12.♗×a6 ♗×d5 13.e×d5 b×a6 14.c×d6 c×d6 15.♘×d4 ♕e5 16.♕×g4 ♕×d4 17.♕×d4 ♗×d4 18.♖ad1 ♗×b2 19.♗e7 ♖fe8 20.♗×d6 ♖ad8 21.♗f4 ♖e2 22.♗e3 ♗a3 23.♗×a7 ♖×a2 24.g3 ♗b4 25.♗b6 ♖d7 26.♖d3 a5 27.♖c1 ♔f8 28.♗c5+ ♗×c5 29.♖×c5 ♔e7 30.♖c6 ♖a7 31.d6+ ♔d7 32.♖dc3 ♖d2
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The "Chess in Schools" committee, which is part of the "Chess in Iowa" charitable organization has developed a questionnaire to gather information about the chess clubs in Iowa. The information will be used to design a workshop for parents and teachers interested in running a chess club at their school. Jess Fiedorowicz, who runs the chess club at Coralville Central, was the first one to be asked to fill out the questionnaire. The group especially liked his responses to the questions, and thought the general readership would also like to see the responses. The format is similar to the "Spotlight On" section we have had. We will add this to future *En Passants* as more Iowa clubs become the focus. — Christian Schmitz

Chess Club Questionnaire – Coralville Central

How long has your chess club been in existence? How did it get started?

We had our first meeting on October 10, 2012. My son, Owen, participated in the Prairie Chess series in the Spring of 2012, which had a team component. Owen was the only player from Central participating, and I thought it would be nice for his school to have a team.

How do you recruit new students for your chess club?

In our first year, students were mainly recruited through word of mouth, particularly among parents who were at the PTO meeting where the club was first discussed. Over the course of that year, however, it became clear that the club was not as representative of the student body as it could be so we engaged in more active outreach. We sent a mailing to all students in the school, set up a booth at the activity fair, advertised that you don't have to know how to play chess to join chess club, and made it clear that chess club was for everybody, not just the kids that might fit whatever idiosyncratic stereotype someone might have about chess players. In subsequent years, we added an after school club and set up transportation pools to make the club more accessible to all students.

Is your chess club open to all students at your school?

Absolutely! We actively advertise the club as being for everyone, including those who don't know how to play chess. We also embrace all students – from those who want to study every day and play competitively to those who want to show up just a few times a year to hang out with their friends in the club, playing casual chess. I've also informed teachers that we are interested in any students who want to participate, whether they are cruising along or struggling in their coursework.

How many students are currently signed up for your chess club? What percentage of all students at your school does that represent? What is the approximate boy-to-girl ratio?

We have 68 students in our chess club, representing approximately 1/6 of the school. The current students represent well the racial and socioeconomic diversity of our wonderful school, although girls are still slightly under-represented. We have been working to correct this and to create a more welcoming environment for girls. We had a visit from Claudia Muñoz to open the year and instituted a bring a friend to club promotion with our female students.

On average, how many students attend your chess club every week?

Attendance tends to range from the high 20's to low 30's. We let students know that they are welcome to come as much or as little as they'd like or to take time off from club for other activities, e.g., taking swim lessons after school for 6 weeks. We run year round, but students

don't have to participate year round.

Where does your chess club meet?

We meet in the Coralville Central Elementary school media center, which I still prefer to call the library. The librarian, Devin Redmond, has been a strong supporter of our club from its inception.

How often does your chess club meet? For how long?

We have 45 minute meetings twice a week. One meeting is before school and the other is after school. Students can come to either one or both.

Approximately how many of your students compete in competitive tournaments?

We've had more than two dozen students participate in the Eastern Iowa Elementary Chess League and 20 students participate in USCF rated events this year. The latter represents a substantial increase over prior years.

How many adults help with facilitating your club (number of volunteers)? Are these parents, teachers, or staff? If you have help from other adults, how did you recruit them?

Our club is run by parent volunteers, most of whom became involved naturally through involvement and support of their child's participation. There are too many parents that help to count or list everyone. Cyndi Crossett, Miriam Timmer-Hackert, Adela Mansilla, and Melissa Bates warrant special mention for helping with the Tuesday after school chess club. Jeff Powell, Kari Blomberg, Tong Xu often help me on Thursday mornings. Erin Keeney, Hai Huynh, Ted Wilson, Jeff Rohm, Wendy Reed, and Miriam Timmer-Hackert helped run a concession stand for the match-play team championship at Northwest Junior High. Again, there are countless others who have helped.

We have had great support of the faculty at the school. A half-dozen faculty came by the match-play championship to cheer on and support our students.

Do you solicit funds to support your chess club? If so, how?

I request an optional $10 donation to support the club at the beginning of the year. Most parents provide the donation. We make it clear that those who cannot make the optional donation are still most welcome. We would rather the student have the opportunity to participate than the money.

How do you teach students who are new to chess? Does your club provide any other instruction?

We have run several courses to welcome and teach new students how to play chess. We run 1 -2 of these per year.

Does your school have a ChessKid.com group membership? What has been your experience with it?

Yes, we do have a group membership. Some students take more advantage of this than others. I also utilize the instructional materials pretty heavily in club as I have limited time to prepare lessons and the content is produced by individuals more qualified than I to teach chess.

What are the biggest challenges your chess club faces?

Thus far, I have been able to maintain our club's budget without any outside funding support. We haven't taken any money from the school or the PTO. We also have never mandated any payment or asked students to conduct a fundraiser. We provide scholarships to students to participate in chess events and I would love to provide more of these, but our club has very limited funds. I would love to have more donations to support scholarships for my students to make the chess board the level playing field that it should be such that all students are provided similar opportunities, regardless of the financial resources of their household.

What has worked well? What suggestions do you have for other school chess clubs?

One thing that I've been slow to learn is that I need to announce events to students, not just parents. Routinely, I send announcements to parents assuming the child will get the message. In my recent experience, I've found that communications to students seem to be more effective. Yet, I still often fall into my old habit of playing with the kids and informing the parents rather than doing both with the students.

What do you see as the biggest need for your chess club? What things would you like to do that you are currently not doing?

As discussed above, I would love to be able to provide more scholarships for my students to participate in events and instruction.

What have been your greatest accomplishments as a school team?

We are very explicit about our club goals, which I reiterate frequently to students and parents alike. These goals, in this order are:

1) Have fun
2) Frame losing as a learning opportunity
3) Learn chess

So, consistent with the order of these goals, our greatest accomplishment is how much fun the team has in club and with chess. I've also been impressed with how our students view their losses and keep perspective. Our students have also been quite successful at learning chess and we've won the individual-play and match-play team state events in back-to-back years. This is not our primary goal, however, and we could have a very successful year without placing in one of these events.

The single most important thing in life is to believe in yourself regardless what everyone else says—Hikaru Nakamura

In chess the most unbelievable thing for me is that it's a game for everybody: rich, poor, girl, boy, old, young. It's a fantastic game which can unite people and generations! It's a language which you'll find people "speak" in every country. If you reach a certain level you find a very rich world! Art, sport, logic, psychology, a battlefield, imagination, creativity not only in practical games but don't forget either how amazing a feeling it is to compose a study, for example (unfortunately that's not appreciated these days but it's a fantastic part of chess!). — Judit Polgar

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Kaustubh Patwardhan (L) playing in his first tournament vs. Tom Hesse at the Winter Open